



■ Lifestyle / C2

Female eye for the straight guy's look

■ Across / A17

Journalist found tortured, murdered in Tabuk, Kalinga

■ Metro / A23

Metro mayors adopt typhoon-stricken local governments

■ News / A3

Multi-sectoral Operation Sagip Buhay appeals for donations for typhoon victims

■ Entertainment / A2-I

Ex-Playboy model now heavyweight businesswoman

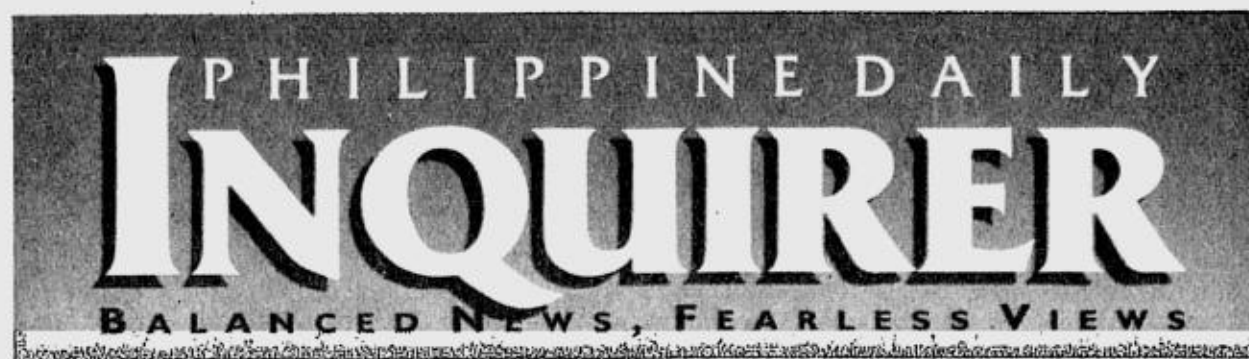


RP could be world's 5th mining power, says GMA

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Blanche S. Rivera and Michelle V. Remo

THE PHILIPPINES could become the fifth largest mining power in the world because of the Supreme Court's decision allowing foreign investors to exploit mineral resources in the country, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday.

RP COULD/ A21



UK Prince Andrew arrives in RP to howling welcome

By TJ Burgonio

DESPITE the "bloody" stormy weather in Manila, Prince Andrew of the United Kingdom arrived yesterday afternoon. He barely made it

UK PRINCE/ A21



email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph

Friday, December 3, 2004 ★★ 90 pages / 11 sections / Vol. 19 / No. 359

P18

website: www.inq7.net

'Yoyong' slams Luzon

Filipinos prepare to face crisis together

By Norman Bordadora and PDI Southern Luzon and Visayas Bureaus

EVEN before it made landfall last night, super Typhoon "Yoyong" had already brought more death and destruction to the provinces of Southern Luzon and Central Luzon still reeling from Typhoons "Violeta" and "Unding" and Tropical Depression "Winnie."

Packing maximum sustained winds of 185 kph near the center and gusts of 220 kph, "Yoyong," which had a diameter of 800 km, battered the eastern part of the country, causing landslides, flash-floods and a tidal wave.

"Yoyong," moving at 33 kph in a west northwesterly direction, was expected to make landfall over Aurora province last night and through the evening cross Nueva Vizcaya, Benguet, La

YONG/ A10



SYMBOLIC of the country, battered by four storms within a span of 18 days, down on its knees with something close to despair disfiguring the face of its future, is this family in Dingalan, Aurora province, waiting for deliverance from their state of cold, hunger and darkness.

NPA blamed for logging; ex-rebel is forest czar

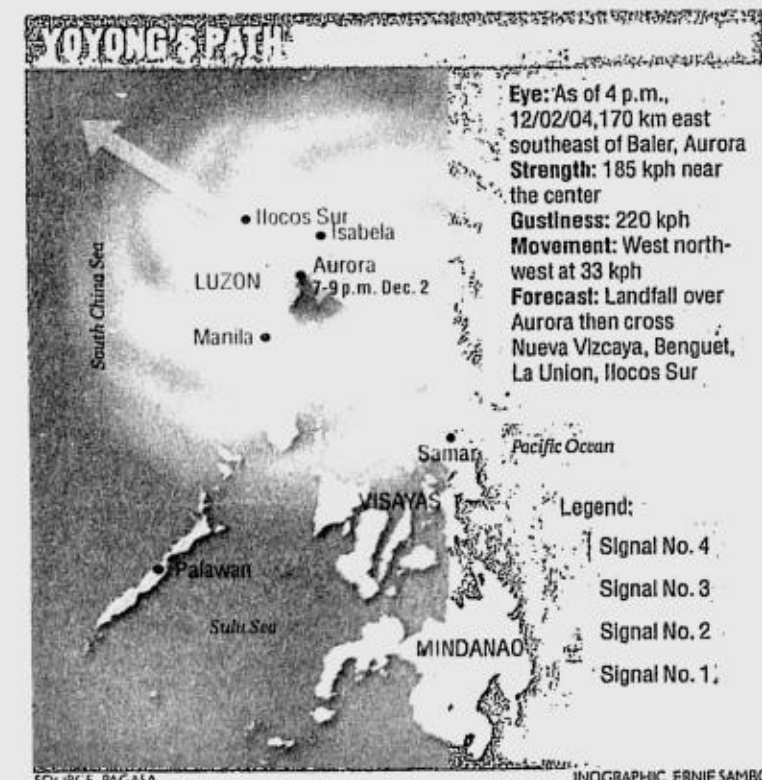
By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday blamed the New People's Army for the rampant deforestation that caused the deadly landslides in Luzon, and designated one of its former leaders as her reforestation czar whose tasks include running after insurgents engaged in illegal logging.

"I've been informed that the New People's Army has been heavily involved in illegal logging activities," Ms Arroyo said in a speech at the 14th general assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines at the Manila Hotel.

At the same forum, Ms Arroyo designated retired Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus as chair of the government-owned Natural Resources Development Corp. (NRDC), a position that would make him "principal overseer of all reforestation programs of the government nationwide."

"I am also making him (Corpus) NPA BLAMED/ A21



THE BATTLE this time is a desperate race against time and the elements for these soldiers who carry relief goods on foot across a highway to reach thousands of residents in Tanauan, Quezon. Landslides in the flood-hit towns of the province have made roads impassable to vehicles as they are clogged with boulders and debris.

REUTERS

GMA braves weather to be with victims

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

DESPITE warnings from the Philippine Air Force of turbulent weather conditions, President Macapagal-Arroyo braved yesterday's strong winds and rains to reach out to victims of one of the towns hardest hit by Typhoon "Winnie" in Quezon province.

The President had reportedly insisted that she fly by helicopter to Siniloan town in Laguna, 75 km southeast of Manila, to cut on travel time to Quezon.

But an hour after lunch time, she relented and took the advice of her security personnel to go by land all the way. She arrived in Barangay Maragondon in Real, Quezon, by 4 p.m.

Initially, the President planned to spend the night in the typhoon-ravaged town, but

GMA BRAVES/ A22

Farmer buries dreams with first son

REAL, Quezon—Slash-and-burn farmer Richard Seles strained to hold back his tears as he dug a shallow grave for his infant son with a small shovel on a mountain pass.

On the muddy ground was a small, plastic-wrapped wooden box containing the body of the child, Seles' second, who was stillborn at the height of a land-

slide on Wednesday. The baby was also named Richard.

Seles, 37, had hoped to send him to university so he could help the small family earn a decent living instead of having to cut down trees in the hills and grow small plots of vegetables.

"He was my boy. I had wanted him to become successful. I had a lot of dreams for him. But the

mountain has claimed him," Seles told Agence France-Presse as he sadly watched soldiers lower the coffin into the grave.

Other villagers had also buried three bodies dug out from under tons of rubble. Their identities were unknown.

A deadly mix of mud, floodwaters and boulders had crashed into Seles' hillside home in the village

of Tanauan near Real on Wednesday as his young wife was in labor.

Extreme fear, exhaustion and the roaring, thunder-like scream of the moving ground had brought the baby on weeks before its due date, Seles said.

"She was terrified and it's the mountain that caused her to go into labor prematurely," said Seles.

FARMER/ A22

Foreign gov'ts heed Red Cross appeal for help

By Tarra V. Quismundo and TJ Burgonio

THE PHILIPPINE National Red Cross yesterday appealed to the rest of the world for help as the country braced for yet another battering by Typhoon "Yoyong."

It said it would need an initial P56 million to provide relief to more than a million people affected by the three storms that slammed into the country in the past two weeks. And with the coming of Yoyong, the cost could run up to P100 million, it said.

"We have prepared P6 million just for relief, and that's really putting a strain on our resources," Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the volunteer organization, said in a press conference at the PNRC headquarters in Manila.

The PNRC has fielded volunteers and distributed relief goods to families displaced by the re-

FOREIGN/ A4

STORIES FROM THE DEPTHS

AFP salutes barefoot soldier in muddied clothes

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

GENERAL NAKAR, Quezon—Army Sgt. Reynaldo Reyes reported on Tuesday to the chief of the Armed Forces' Southern Luzon Command barefoot and dressed in muddied short pants and shirt.

But despite Reyes' getup, a

startling departure from the standard crisp fatigue uniform and shiny combat boots, Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, chief of the Southern Luzon Command, not only returned the soldier's salute but also shook his hand in a display of admiration for his heroic deed.

According to the residents of Barangay Anuling in this ravaged town, Reyes had led his

men in Charlie company of the 1st Infantry Brigade in saving the lives of a woman and two children living in one of the shanties lining the banks of the Agus River.

On Monday evening at the height of the fury of Tropical Depression "Winnie," the shanties collapsed as the ground loosened and caved in. The soldiers

camped on a hilly portion of the village heard the residents' cries for help and rushed to the rescue.

"We raced against time," Reyes told reporters. He proceeded to narrate how, with their bare hands, he and his men furiously clawed at the muddy earth that buried the shanties' walls.

AFP/ A22

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northern and Central Luzon and the provinces of Camarines, Quezon, Sorsogon, Albay, Marinduque, Batangas, Laguna, Cavite and Metro Manila will experience stormy weather. Eastern Visayas and the rest of Luzon excluding Palawan will have rains and gusty winds.

COMPILED BY: RANIEVELLA, RUI RESEARCH/12/03/04 SOURCE: PAGASA

Second FRONT PAGE

Text us your feedback: Inquirer news name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Metro Manila Stormy
Baguio Stormy
Tuguegarao Stormy
Laag Stormy
Clark Zone Stormy
Tagaytay Stormy
Laguna Stormy
Cagayan de Oro Stormy

Iloilo/Bohol Stormy
Roxas Stormy
Cebu Stormy
Tacloban Stormy
Gen. Santos Stormy
Zamboanga Stormy
Cagayan de Oro Stormy
Davao Stormy



ESTRADA

Gov't lawyers move to stop Erap's HK trip

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Armand Nocum

THE OMBUDSMAN and Special Prosecutor yesterday moved swiftly to prevent the departure of ousted President Estrada for Hong Kong even as the disgraced leader's lawyers were

preparing a petition asking the Sandiganbayan to modify its order and allow Estrada to extend his medical stay in Hong Kong beyond Dec. 12.

Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo yesterday said he would ask the Sandiganbayan special division not to immediately implement its order allowing Estrada to go abroad, saying his

office was entitled to file a motion for reconsideration.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio was expected yesterday to file a manifestation before the court to appeal the decision.

"There should not be special treatment for certain detained prisoners. And there's always the possibility of flight," said Marcelo, adding that court rules do not allow that kind of trip for Estrada who is being tried for the capital offense of plunder.

Marcelo said the prosecution has already proven that Estrada could very well have his knee surgery here as the country's top hospital has excellent facilities and "very competent doctors."

"So there's really no reason for the surgery to be done abroad. I hope they won't allow him to leave," he said.

Voting 4 to 1, the anti-graft court's special division late Wednesday approved a resolution allowing Estrada to travel to Hong Kong to have a knee replacement operation. He is allowed to stay there for 20 days, from Nov. 22 to Dec. 12, the dates that his lawyers originally requested.

But in a telephone interview, Jay Flamini, one of Estrada's lawyers, said they are considering asking the court to "modify" its order as the time given was "too short for an operation."

Out of Hong Kong

Ferdie Ramos, Estrada's media coordinator, said the problem was that Estrada's American doctor, Christopher Mow, who is to perform the operation, has left Hong Kong and returned to the US.

Mow had gone to Hong Kong in November to await the arrival of Estrada, who was originally scheduled for operation at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital last Nov. 4.

But with the Sandiganbayan failing to approve the travel petition on time, Ramos said a new date has to be set for the operation.

"The schedule for the operation will all depend on the schedule of Dr. Mow," Ramos said. Estrada was yesterday issued a regular passport, valid for a year, by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Foreign affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said Estrada had made the request for a passport "just recently."

Malacañang welcomed the Sandiganbayan decision allowing Estrada to leave.

"We have always supported humanitarian treatment for the former President and we welcome the decision of the Sandiganbayan," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

Ms Arroyo has extended "humanitarian" gestures to Estrada, from advocating house arrest for him to giving him two golf carts so he could move around in his Tanay, Rizal estate where he is under house arrest.

'Mirror of oppression'

The President recognized that Estrada still commanded the loyalty of the Filipino masses because they see in his condition a "mirror of their own oppression."

The Sandiganbayan previously allowed Estrada to be detained at his lavish vacation estate instead of a regular detention center.

On Dec. 23, 2003, the court granted Estrada's request to undergo knee surgery in the United States. But Estrada, who claimed he risked paralysis if he did not undergo the procedure, allowed the three-month medical furlough to lapse. He said the US Embassy refused to give him a visa and that he found the \$1 million cost of the US operation too high.

This time, Mow is charging only \$55,000 in "estimated professional fees," Estrada's aides said.

According to a letter from Jeremy Low of the HK Adventist Hospital, Estrada's hospital bill has been set at \$57,868 "for 18 days' hospital stay."

His private room at the hospital would cost \$370 per night, and an apartment near the hospital, \$154 per night.

In approving Estrada's petition, the four associate justices—Teresa Leonardo-De Castro, Francisco Villaruz, Efrén de la Cruz and Teresita Diaz-Baldos—said they were adhering to the same reasons cited in the 2003 resolution, which they said "are presently existing [and] that should guide this court in exercising sound discretion."

'Baseless' petition

Presiding Justice Edilberto Sandoval, who also objected to the first travel permit, was the lone dissenter, arguing that Estrada's petition was "baseless."

Sandoval warned that the decision "would open a floodgate of petitions for the same relief all over the country from other accused similarly or better situated."

The court order stipulated that the 67-year-old Estrada post a P1-million bond and submit a personal undertaking that he recognizes the court's authority over him and that he will return to Manila after the surgery.

It also said that during the 20 days in Hong Kong Estrada remain confined at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital "and not at any other place."

Four police officers are to escort Estrada "at all times" at Estrada's expense. With reports from TJ Burgonio and Juliet Labog-Javellana

WITH THE INCREASE IN POWER RATES OWNING A CONDURA...

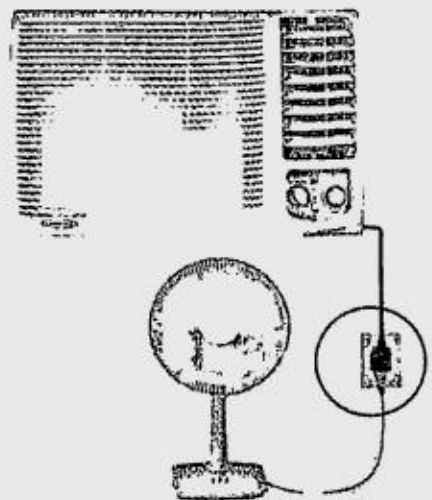


...IS LIKE HAVING YOUR CAKE AND EATING IT TOO.

YOU CAN ENJOY COOL COMFORT WITHOUT HAVING TO ENDURE THE RISING COST OF ELECTRICITY. Because the Condura Aircon with a higher Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) and the unique Energy Saving Plug (ESP) saves up to 40% in electrical consumption, you need not settle for cheap brands. With Condura Aircon, the more you enjoy the comfort, the more you save.



AN EVEN BETTER CHOICE



OPERATION SAGIP BUHAY

Save lives, give to relief for typhoon victims

By Volt Contreras

A HUMANITARIAN mission that includes the INQUIRER is appealing for donations in cash, food items, medicines, clothes, beddings, cooking ware—or hopefully even the use of private helicopters that can speed up their delivery—for the thousands victimized by the series of storms that had hit Quezon, the Bicol region, and other parts of Luzon.

Government agencies, business groups, and civic organizations behind "Operation Sagip Buhay" are practically racing against time as super Typhoon "Yoyong" began pummeling last night almost the same areas ravaged by earlier storms "Winnie," "Violeta" and "Unding."

Sagip Buhay (Save Lives) is setting up a reception and packing center for donated goods at Camp Aguinaldo, and is also accepting cash or check contributions through Account No. 1328004263 at Equitable-PCI Bank, ADB-Ortigas branch.

Its immediate target is to ensure food supply for families trapped in flooded villages or crammed in evacuation centers—at least for the next 10 days.

Partners from the private sector include this paper, the Ayala Foundation, the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Smart, the Prelate of Infanta in Quezon, Unilab, Hands On Manila, the Assisi Foundation, and the Corporate Network for Disaster Response.

On the government side are the Office of Civil Defense and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The INQUIRER will provide updates on the movement of goods as well as their recipients. PLDT and Smart will help the Prelate of Infanta maintain contact between the isolated towns and relief workers.

In a meeting of Sagip partners hosted by the INQUIRER yesterday, DSWD Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said the public may also course their donations through church-based or civic organizations if they cannot personally bring them to Camp Aguinaldo.

"This is a moment when we as a country need again to rise up to the occasion," Soliman said.

Citing the difficulty encountered by soldiers and volunteers



SAGIP Buhay partners headed by Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman plot strategy for humanitarian operation. JM GUIAO/PUNZALAN

in delivering relief goods, particularly to the isolated Quezon towns of Real and Infanta, CNDR chair Bertie Lim said big companies with choppers might as well lend their aircraft to Sagip Buhay.

Quoting DSWD estimates, Assisi Foundation president and former Ambassador Howard Dee said around 150,000 families may be affected by both Winnie and Yoyong.

"We will try to raise at least half of their (relief) requirements as a counterpart to what the government will provide," Dy said.

Aside from food, the DSWD said, the flood victims need blankets and sleeping mats, mosquito nets, clothes, medicines, water purifiers and jugs, stoves and kitchen utensils, tarpaulins and tents, toiletries, batteries, candles and matches.

CNDR's Lim said Sagip Buhay hopes to churn out a standard food pack containing the following: six kilos of rice, at least three pieces of canned goods, 1/2 kilo of mungo, 1 kilo sugar, 1/4 kilo of salt, a bar of detergent, a pint of cooking oil, and five gallons of drinking water.

Taipan Lucio Tan, president emeritus of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce, donated 10,000 cases of mineral and distilled water and Ambassador Alfredo Yao, chair of Zesto, gave 10,000 packs of noodles. Robin Sy of the Binondo Disaster Fund Campaign, said cash donations have so far reached P2.5 million.

CNDR was formed in the aftermath of the 1990 Luzon killer earthquake and has since been active in disaster management and preparedness campaigns. Its members include some of the country's top corporations and business associations.

One member, Microsoft Philippines, for example, has already donated \$8,000 for Winnie and Yoyong's victims, Lim said in an interview.

Lim also reported that in a meeting with Energy Secretary Vince Perez the other night, oil companies Shell and Petron and at least nine independent power producers pledged to fund the procurement of around 300,000 canned goods worth between P6 million and P7 million.

Four hospitals in Metro Manila—the Medical City, Cardinal Santos, Lourdes Hospital, and the Philippine General Hospital—have signified their willing-

ness to send medical missions to the calamity areas, Lim added.

In the meeting, the Sagip partners noted the uniqueness of the unfolding tragedy: practically the same cluster of provinces got lashed by four successive storms in less than two weeks.

After Winnie, the third storm, the coping mechanisms of the local governments were already "overwhelmed and depleted," they noted.

Fr. Francis Lucas, former parish priest of Infanta, said Sagip will deliver the relief goods in waves but would allow the OCD to move in first to the affected areas.

Asked to assess the horrors that befell the town, Lucas said: "This is the worst disaster we've had, mostly because of the suddenness of the floods. Before, people could still laugh about it when it rains non-stop for two days. If ever there was flooding, the water would rise just up to the knee."

IN THE KNOW

Weather 101

IS A WEATHER disturbance a tropical storm, depression, typhoon or a cyclone? Cyclone is the generic term which refers to a relatively small, intensely developed low pressure cell.

Combined with the tendency to drift sideways because of the earth's rotation, winds spin inward (like a circle) in a counterclockwise direction in the Northern Hemisphere and in a clockwise direction in the Southern Hemisphere.

When this low pressure system is formed in the tropics, it is called a tropical cyclone. Outside of the tropics, it is called extra-tropical cyclone.

Bagyo is the current name in the Philippines for a tropical cyclone. Tropical cyclones are also called hurricanes, tropical depressions, tropical storms and typhoons depending upon intensity.

A tropical cyclone that has matured to a severe intensity is called a hurricane when it occurs in the Atlantic Ocean or adjacent seas.

It is called a typhoon when it occurs in the Pacific Ocean area, the China Sea or adjacent seas; a willy-nilly around Australia; or simply a cyclone or tropical cyclone when it occurs in the Indian Ocean region.

Pagasa says a tropical cyclone is a typhoon if it has winds that exceed 118 kph. It is a super typhoon if it carries winds of more than 185 km per hour (or Storm Signal No. 4, see below). Less intense than typhoons are tropical depressions and storms.

An encyclopedia defines a storm as a marked disturbance in the normal state of the atmosphere with strong winds as its most prominent characteristic. It says that it is also used for other types of weather disturbance, including thunderstorms, rainstorms, sand storms, etc.

But what Pagasa calls a storm is a tropical cyclone that packs winds of 64 to 118 kph. Less intense than a storm is called a tropical depression, which has winds that do not exceed 63 kph.

Tropical depressions are most common in the region of the equatorial or intertropical convergence zones.

The intertropical convergence zone, a term often used in Pagasa weather bulletins, refers to the axis or the dividing line of two belts of wind from the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere, which are blowing constantly as they move toward the equator from the eastern side.

Other terms that refer to weather disturbances include:

Thunderstorm: Weather disturbance that produces thunder and lightning aside from wind and rain.

Tornado: A violently rotating column of air that reaches from the base of a cloud to the ground (in funnel shape) and made visible by condensation and debris. In other areas it is called a violent thundersquall. The diameter of a tornado varies from a few feet to a mile; the rotating winds may attain velocities of 320 to 480 kph. A tornado is usually accompanied by thunder, lightning, heavy rain, and a loud "freight train" noise.

Although tornadoes have occurred on every continent except Antarctica, they are most common in the United States, especially in what is known as Tornado Alley, which is usually understood to include the plains from north central Texas, north to the Dakotas, with the peak frequency located in Oklahoma. Tornadoes occurring over water are called waterspouts. **PDI Research**

Sources: Pag-asa, PDI archives and <http://www.infoplease.com/>

The Big Bulge

The Pregnant Look

Bloated Belly

Hidden Potato

The Poke & Pinch Tummy

Sag-Flab

Bursting Tummy

Double-Tummy

Jelly Belly

Are you Unhappy with your TUMMY Shape?

You CAN have a more attractive shape for your tummy with the help of Marie France! Our non-invasive, non-strenuous treatments will safely and effectively reduce excess fat and firm up stubborn, sagging flab. The result: a flatter, slimmer, sexier tummy!

Call Marie France now and get a new, flatter tummy!

Marie France Bodyline™ www.mariefrance.com.ph

CALL 894-BODY (2639)

BEST FOR EASY FAT LOSS

MAKATI
15/F GT Tower

ORTIGAS
36/F Robinsons
Equitable Tower

TIMOG
3/F Cedar
Exec. Bldg.

BINONDO
Unit 0-1 City
Plaza Tower

ALABANG
3/F Citibank-Frabelle
Bldg.

SHAW
2/F Sunshine Square
Plaza

CONGRESSIONAL
2/F O Plaza Bldg.

PAMPANGA
TEL: 961-2981
3/F Dan's Mktg. Bldg.

CEBU
TEL: 233-7637
Unit 1203 Keppel Centre

HITACHI
Inspire the Next

CHRISTMAS GIVE-AWAYS!

FREE HITACHI DVD PLAYER!

Buy any HITACHI DVD CAMCORDER model and get a free HITACHI DVD PLAYER!

Freebies worth P9,668.00

1 DVD-RAM
4 DVD-R
1 DVD Camera Bag
1 Promo starts November 5, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

DVD CAM The 4th Generation DVD Cam only from HITACHI

DZ-MV550-A SW/AU SRP 52,399.00

18x Optical Zoom

- DVD/RAM-R recording
- 800 Kilopixel CCD
- Quick Mode
- SD Memory Card Capability

DZ-MV580-A SW/AU SRP 55,999.00

- DVD/RAM-R recording
- 1.23 Megapixel still picture
- 10x Optical Zoom (240x Digital Zoom)
- Quick Mode
- SD Memory Card Capability

DZ-MV380-A SW/AU SRP 46,999.00

- DVD/RAM-R recording
- 1 Megapixel CCD
- 10x Optical Zoom (240x Digital Zoom)
- SD Memory Card Capability

DZ-MV350-A SW/AU SRP 39,999.00

- 10x Optical Zoom (240x Digital Zoom)
- SD Memory Card Capability
- DVD/RAM-R recording
- 800 Kilopixel CCD

ACCESSORIES:

- Battery Pack (DZ-BPH145)
- AC Adaptor / Battery Charger
- 8cm DVD-R Disc
- 8cm DVD-RAM Disc**
- 8cm DVD-R Disc
- 8cm DVD-RAM Disc**
- PC Connection Cables (to USB Terminal)
- Lens Cap
- Power Cables
- Lens Cap
- Power Cables

PER DTI-NCR PERMIT NO.: 8508, SERIES OF 2004.

AVAILABLE AT: 5TH AVENUE TELECOM SM North Edsa-925-4452, SM Megamall-683-0745, Shangri-La-6338315, Alabang Town Center-7222687, AMBASSADOR APPLIANCES Park Square-8930667, Binondo-2413878, Shangri-La-6339592, Virramall-7214932, AUTOMATIC CENTER-Glorietta IV-7296550, North Edsa-8761747, AVESCO MARKETING-912-8881, B&T COLUMBIA PHOTO Megamall-6334980, Makati-7293934, COLUMBIA CUBAO 9112433, COLUMBIA FARMERS 4219202, COLUMBIA NORTH EDSA 8278034, COLUMBIA COMPUTER SUPERSTORES Megamall-6350300, Park Square-887104, DIGITAL SOURCE TECH. CO. Virramall-7249232, ELECTROWORLD Greenbelt 3-813254, Megamall-6331624, North Edsa-8278525, Park Square-8132776, ENTRY DATA POINT Megamall-6333368, FUNTRONICS ENTERPRISES CO. Glorietta Mall-802-2278945, GILLAMAC'S MARKETING-SM Center-6332412925, Ayala-8032-8181788, ISLAND PHOTO CENTER INC. Park Square-8163030, SM Megamall-6331745, Podium-6355350, Glorietta IV-8106048, KAMERAWORLD Alabang Town Center-8422554, Harmon Plaza-5257772, Robinson's Place Ermita-5228162, Shangri-La-6334415, Festival Mall-8503556, SM Fairview-9050727, KODAK EXPRESS Rockwell-8981328, MAYER PHOTO-7337722, PHOTOLINE Robinson's Ermita-5367919, Robinson's Galleria-6320545, Pixel Point Glorietta-8163033, PICTURE CITY Alabang Town Center-8075143, Metro East Pasig-6452477, SM Bicutan-776-0621, Park Square-7256861, Market Market-8865685, SIGHT & SOUND AUDIO VIDEO Shangri-La Mall-6341789, SM APPLIANCES CENTER, INC. SM North Edsa Basement (near foodcourt), STARAPPLE COMPUTERS SM Southcenter-8007026, Filinvest-8503942, Makati Cinema Square-8111689, Shangri-La-6374285, THE DIGITAL STUDIO Greenbelt IV-7285101, Robinson's Galleria-6361232, THE LISTENING ROOM SM Megamall-6329577, TRUE VALUE Rockwell-8980904-08, Alabang Town Center-8071339, 8075225, WATSON PHOTO-7342978, 7337697

Exclusive Philippine Distributor:

COLUMBIA GLOBAL PHOTO SALES CORP.

129 - 135 G. Roxas St., San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City

Tels.: 363-7463 • 363-8550 • 365-0927 / 28 • 414-3110 Fax No.: (632) 364-3334

E-mail: sales_mktg@columbiaglobal.net • www.columbiaglobal.net

Foreign gov'ts heed Red Cross appeal

From page A1

cent storms. But with the sheer number of people in need, it is now seeking foreign aid.

"The International Red Cross community will listen when we say we are announcing an international request for assistance," Gordon said.

Spain was among the first to heed the PNRC's call. It donated P4.2 million worth of relief goods, which would soon be distributed to families in Central and Southern Luzon and the Bicol region.

"Spain is in shock over the tragic news in the Philippines. The King (Juan Carlos) has sent a message to President Macapagal-Arroyo expressing his condolences, sympathy and solidarity," said Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz.

Gordon said the International Federation of the Red Cross had given P2.2 million worth of relief assistance, and private companies a pledge of P2.5 million in cash.

Reorientation

Gordon said the hard-hit towns in Quezon were still inaccessible.

"Right now, we'll just have to sit and wait until the typhoon is finished, and hopefully, the weather clears, hopefully, the seas calm down a bit, so we can send immediately relief supplies," he said.

The senator also called for a "reorientation" in the way the government was handling disasters. While saying that he was not finger-pointing, he said the government could do better than just providing assistance every time a calamity hit.

"I'm not going to say this is a wake-up call because we've already had nightmares and we were never roused. Here we are seeing a phenomenon where we are being made to pay for our rapacity of Mother Nature. We can prevent this," he said.

Later in an interview, Gordon said: "We have always been reactive. Now let us be proactive. Government should initiate programs to tell us, based on the geology of certain areas that have been logged over, are these places safe, can we move these people out, or if we cannot move them, can we have a protocol on how to tell them that when it rains, we have to move out?"

Crisis management

An ad hoc crisis management task force has been put up in Manila to assist the displaced families, the United Nations said.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) and the UN Children's Fund have pledged emergency funds, while the UN Development Program has requested a further grant of \$100,000.

"Many people have been stranded on rooftops, and Ocha reported that rubber boats, tents, food and drinking water were urgently needed," the UN said in a statement.

The US Embassy announced that it would grant the PNRC \$100,000 to address the immediate needs of the victims.

"The United States and the American Embassy in Manila are very concerned for the welfare of the people who are suffering from these natural disasters," US press attaché Karen Kelley said in a statement.

"We continue to be in communication with the Philippine government to determine how we can best assist the people of the Philippines," she said.

The funds, provided by the US Agency for International Development on the embassy's request, will be immediately turned over to the PNRC. These will be used to procure and distribute relief goods to the victims, Kelley said.

US military resources

On top of the grant, she said, the embassy's Joint US Military Assistance Group had begun coordinating with the defense department's Civil Defense Office and the Armed Forces to assess and determine US military resources that could be provided to further support the disaster assistance efforts.

Corrections

THE PHOTO of a megamouth shark being carried by 16 men that appeared on Page A1 of the Nov. 16 issue was wrongly credited to the World Wide Fund-Philippines. The photo was taken by Dr. Doris Bagarinao of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center.

IN BOXED data titled "Effects of 7 destructive typhoons out of 23 from January to November 25, 2004" on Page A17 of the Dec. 1 issue, damage to private property should have been P117.48 million not P117.48 billion.

Readers may send their requests for correction of factual errors in writing to Gerry Lirio, city editor, Philippine Daily Inquirer, PDI Building, Chino Roces Avenue corner Magsaysay Street, Makati City; fax Nos. 897-4793/94; e-mail addresses: glirio@inquirer.com.ph and daydesk@inquirer.com.ph.

Complaints about lack of fairness or objectivity may be sent to Raul Palabrica, readers' advocate, the same address and fax numbers as those of the city editor, and e-mail address: rpalabrica@inquirer.com.ph.

The Japanese Embassy said its government would provide 28 million yen worth of emergency aid for the rescue and relief operations in at least eight provinces.

The aid, consisting of generators, cables, plastic containers, water purification units, water tanks and tents, were expected to arrive last night and would be delivered to the National Disaster Coordinating Council, the embassy said.

Aurora, Bulacan, Cagayan Valley, Camarines Sur, Oriental Mindoro, Quezon, Nueva Ecija and Palawan have been identified as the worst-hit provinces.

The embassy also expressed sympathy and condolences to the typhoon victims on behalf of the government and people of Japan.

Local banks help

In a statement, Metrobank and the Metrobank Foundation announced it would donate P2 million to the victims. Of the amount, P1 million will be coursed through the GMA Kapuso Foundation and P1 million through selected Metrobank branches in severely hit areas in the provinces of Aurora, Quezon, Nueva Ecija and Bulacan.

Metrobank volunteers will also help in the turnover and distribution of relief goods in coordination with the bank's branches and local government units.

Twelve energy-related companies have pledged P8 million worth of canned goods and bottled water.

Through the 14-year-old Corporate Network for Disaster Response, Petron Corp., Philipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Shell Philippines Exploration BV (Spex) Foundation, Philippine National Oil Co. Energy Development Corp., Quezon Power Philippines Ltd., Unocal Philippines Inc., National Transmission Corp., CalEnergy, Mirant Philippines Corp., CBK Power, First Gas Power Corp. and TMR all promised to do their share in providing assistance to the typhoon victims nationwide.

US flag carrier Northwest Airlines also pledged blankets for the victims.

Fund raising

The Archdiocese of Cotabato has started raising funds for the typhoon victims.

Cotabato Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, OMI, and Fr. Ben Torretto, DCC, director of the Archdiocesan Justice and Peace desk, aired an appeal over the Church-run Radio dxMS calling on all parishioners to offer financial assistance to be forwarded to the Prelature of Infanta in Quezon.

One of the victims of Tropical Depression "Winnie" was Fr. Charles Colendres, a native of Midsayap, Cotabato, and a classmate of most of the diocesan priests in Cotabato City.

"Let us lend a helping hand," Quevedo told parishioners.

"At this point, they need our help. Now is the time to share some of our blessings with our less fortunate brothers," Torretto said.

Good Samaritans were advised to drop off their "help" at the Archbishop's Palace or at radio station dxMS in Cotabato City.

Relief trucks

Yesterday morning, three military trucks loaded with relief goods left AFP Southern Luzon Command headquarters in Camp Nakar, Quezon, to bring help to thousands of victims in the northern part of the province.

Earlier in the day, Quezon Gov. Wilfredo Enverga arrived in Barangay Maragondon, the farthest point that the vehicles could reach but still 20 km away from Real.

He said he had traveled with three dump trucks loaded with relief goods. "I have with me the machinery of the provincial government to help ease the sufferings of the calamity victims," he said over the phone.

Enverga said he had brought noodles, rice, sardines, clothes and blankets, among other things, as well as a van full of assorted medicines.

Mely Jabola, technical assistant of President Macapagal-Arroyo for Quezon, supervised the preparation of the relief goods at the office of the AFP-Civil Military Relations Group in Camp Nakar.

Jabola said they had prepared 1,000 packs of assorted goods donated by non-government and civic organizations in nearby towns. The Quezon Disaster Coordinating Council delivered another 3,000 packs to Camp Nakar.

Really hungry

Local officials of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. branch also delivered a truckload of relief goods.

Army soldiers escorted the convoy bearing the relief goods.

Maj. Ramon Rosario, deputy chief of the AFP-CRS in Camp Nakar, accompanied the troops.

He said they were able to pass through Maragondon and reach the next village of Tanauan.

"The moment the residents received their packs of relief goods, they rushed back to their homes to cook the food. They were really hungry," Rosario said in a phone interview. With reports from Abigail L. Ho in Manila; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

CHURCHILL THATCHER BLAIR

IN THE TRADITION
OF GREAT
BRITISH SPEAKERS
COMES...



Gale



Dealers are welcome. For dealer inquiries call: Super Manufacturing Inc. (02) 374-35-01 up to 04. NOW AVAILABLE AT: (MORDAUNT SHORT DEALERS) 5TH AVENUE: Shangri-La, Makati, Alabang, North Edsa. (GALE DEALERS) SM APPLIANCE: Bacoor, Makati, Manila, Megamall, NE III, NE Main, Southmall. WESTERN MARKETING: Festival Mall, Megamall. ABENSON: NE, AVANT, Shangri-La, Calna. 5TH AVENUE: Shangri-La, Makati, Alabang, North Edsa. AVESCO: Cubao, Frisco, Manila. PROV. DEALERS: Magic Appliance Dagupan, Magic Nepo Mall, Saver's Mart Balibago, Saver's Mart Olongapo, Saver's Mart San Fernando, Saver's Angeles, Gleen Marketing Tacloban

Watsons

YOUR PERSONAL STORE

drug +



Ask our Watsons
pharmacist about
Child Care

Now thru January 2005

SAVE

@Watsons

PEDIATRIC VITAMINS & MINERALS



	BEFORE	NOW
CEELIN 120ML	108.75	103.35
CEELIN 250ML	172.50	163.75
CEELIN 500ML	312.75	297.00

GROWEE 60ML	68.40	65.00
GROWEE 120ML	123.75	117.60
GROWEE 250ML	202.25	192.15

ENERVON SYRUP 60ML	48.75	46.35
ENERVON SYRUP 120ML	85.50	81.25
ENERVON SYRUP 250ML	162.00	153.90
ENERVON SYRUP 500ML	276.50	262.70

NUTROPLEX SYRUP 60ML	57.50	54.65
NUTROPLEX SYRUP 120ML	109.25	103.80
NUTROPLEX SYRUP 250ML	189.00	179.55

UNITED TIKI DROPS 15ML	34.25	32.50
UNITED TIKI DROPS 30ML	51.75	49.15

FERLIN DROPS 15ML	50.50	48.00
FERLIN SYRUP 120ML	164.25	156.00

NUTRILIN SYRUP 120ML	72.25	68.60
----------------------	-------	-------

CIXTOR SYRUP 100/60ML	51.50	46.50
CIXTOR SYRUP 100/120ML	93.00	88.00
CIXTOR SYRUP 100/250ML	152.00	147.00

ORANGE SCOTT'S EMULSION 200ML

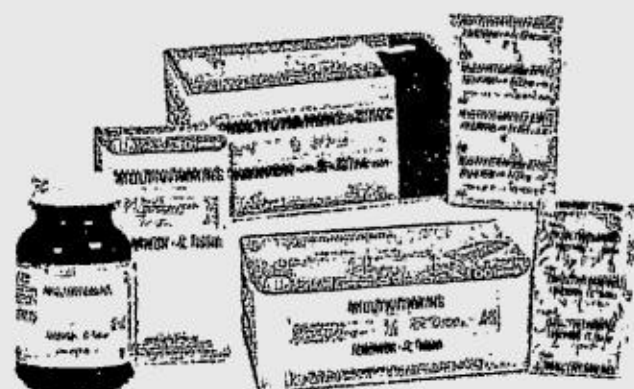
BEFORE	NOW
144.25	100.00

CETRINETS FRUTEEZ TAB 100MGX30

BEFORE	NOW
2.95 ea	2.80 ea



Per DOH-BFAD Permit No. 1432 S. 2004



MULTIVITAMINS + MINERALS

	BEFORE	NOW
ENERVON W/ E & ZINC	8.00	7.60
ENERVON TAB FLEX FOIL X 100	4.85	4.60
ENERVON TAB X 30 (BOTTLE)	145.50	138.25

CHILD NUTRITIONALS

	BEFORE	NOW
ENERVON BRIGHT 1KG	378.00	358.00

MEDICAL SUPPLIES



MEDIPLAST BANTAM STRIPS X 25

BEFORE	NOW
22.00	20.90



MEDIPLAST BANTAM STRIPS X 12

BEFORE	NOW
12.00	11.40

BEFORE	NOW
14.00	13.30

BEFORE	NOW
22.00	20.90

BEFORE	NOW
15.00	14.25

BEFORE	NOW
0.50	0.45

BEFORE	NOW
0.90	0.85

BEFORE	NOW
0.50	0.45

BEFORE	NOW
0.90	0.85

BEFORE	NOW
0.90	0.85

MUCOLYTICS

SOLMUX PEDIA SUSP 100/60ML

BEFORE	NOW
87.25	82.85



SOLMUX PEDIA SUSP 200/60ML

BEFORE	NOW
76.50	72.70

SOLMUX PEDIA SUSP 200/120ML

BEFORE	NOW
117.00	111.15

NASAL DECONGESTANTS

	BEFORE	NOW
DISUDRIN DROPS 10ML	85.25	81.00
DISUDRIN SYRUP 60ML	87.00	82.65
DRIXINE PEDIA DROPS 15ML	185.50	180.50

ANALGESIC / ANTI-PYRETIC

	BEFORE	NOW
BIOGESIC ORANGE SUSP 120/60ML	46.75	44.40
BIOGESIC ORANGE SUSP 250/60ML	71.50	67.90
BIOGESIC STRAWBERRY SUSP 120/60ML	46.75	44.40
BIOGESIC STRAWBERRY SUSP 250/60ML	71.50	67.90

TOPICALS



	BEFORE	NOW
VANDOL CREAM 30G	183.25	178.25
VANDOL OINTMENT 30G	183.25	178.25

LOZENGES/ PASTILLES/ GARGLES

	BEFORE	NOW
VALDA LEMON 50G (CAN)	87.75	43.75
VALDA MENTHOL 50G (CAN)	87.75	43.75

LOOK GOOD

FEEL GREAT

HAVE FUN

SM City North Edsa • SM City Annex • SM City Sta. Mesa • SM Mega A • SM Southmall • SM City Fairview • SM City Bacoor • SM City Iloilo • SM City Cebu • SM City Pampanga • SM City Manila • Festival Supermall • SM Supercenter Sucat • SM City Davao • The Podium • Marikina • SM City Cagayan De Oro • A. Mabini/P. Faura • SM City Bicutan • Aranela Square • Cagayan De Oro • Olongapo • Limketkai • SM City Dasmariñas • Shangri-la • Boni • Greenbelt • SM City Baguio • Gaisano Mall Davao • Market! Market! • SM City Batangas • Gateway

COPIERS Sales/Rentals

Also Available: LIQUID COPIERS

BRAND NEW RICOH FT 3813 BEST FOR BUSINESS
P 15,000. ONLY
POWDER TYPE FT 3310 15 CPM

BRAND NEW CANON FC 200 FOR PERSONAL USE
P 49,900. ONLY

RECON FULL COLOR DIGITAL COPIER
P 15,000. ONLY

COPYTRADE
RINGS BINDERS / LAMINATORS
CUTTERS / BLUEPRINTERS
FAX MACHINES, ETC.
ACCEPT COPIER RENTALS
FOR SHORT EVENTS
BUY/TRADE-IN OLD COPIERS

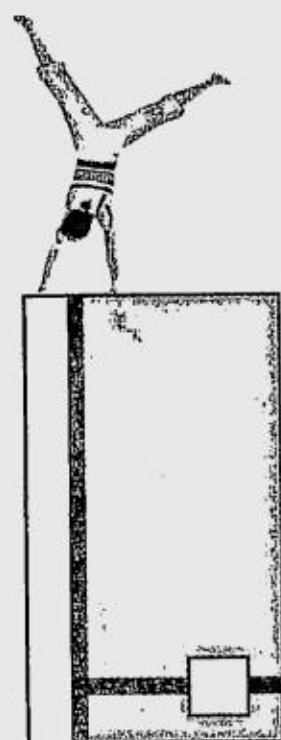
Copytrade Bldg. 550 N. J. Jackson St.
Sampaloc, Manila / Beside Nat'l Univ.
Tels. 749-8155 to 56
781-3472 • 749-8216
www.copytrade.com.ph

A6

Opportunity
knocks
but
once.



The Art of Liberating Space



THE MONDRIAN
RESIDENCES

Fillinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa

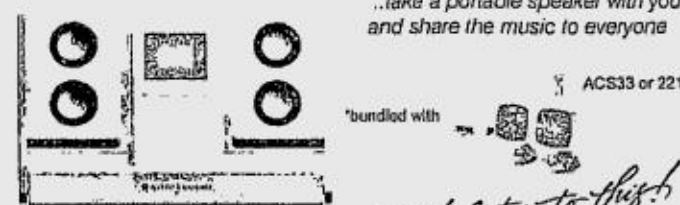
Call 807-0111

Model units ready for viewing.
For announcement purposes only.

ALTEC LANSING
POWERED AUDIO

it's time to share the

SOUND of
Christmas
inMotion™



...take a portable speaker with you
and share the music to everyone

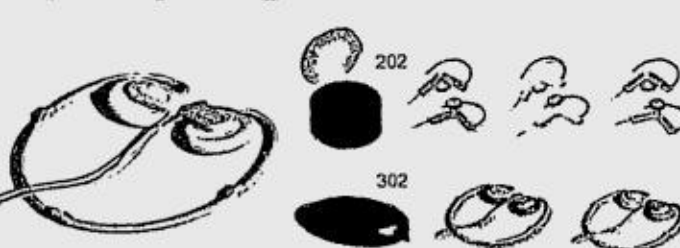
*bundled with ACS33 or 221

*Dealers:

Avant (Greenbelt 4) 756 2315 | CD-Romana 0917 899 3787 | Electroworld (Parksquare)
813 2776 | Delta (Iloilo) (033) 338 3198 | FKM (North EDSA) 453 8738 | Infowork (Gilmore)
413 3838 | Metro Plaza (Davao) (082) 300 1888 | Mobile One (Parksquare) 752 7480
IPC Corner (Parksquare) 815 8946 (Glorietta) 893 0630 | PC Quarter (Vramall) 721 1051
I PowerMac (Makati) 750 0730 (Mogamall) 633 7492 | Sinitz 0927 435 8959

OYOYO

Introduce your ears to pure,
portable bliss...



Enjoy cinema-quality sound...

or re-create a
live concert experience



FX8021

ACS21

Authorized Philippine Distributor
BANBROS COMMERCIAL, INC.

MANILA: (02) 727-3009 / 724-6088 / 718-2800 loc. 1304 / 1306 / 1315 E-mail us at: bcs@banbros.com
CEBU: (032) 415-9733 / 416-8707 E-mail us at: us@banbros.com

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2004

Cell phone rates to rise with franchise tax hike

By Cynthia D. Balana

MOBILE phone rates would rise should Congress and the executive branch push through with the imposition of a 5- to 7-percent franchise tax on telecommunication firms in order to raise much-needed revenues for the government.

Globe Telecommunications senior vice president Rodolfo Salali-

ma yesterday told a joint House committee hearing that the tax would result in a corresponding increase in phone rates that would be passed on to consumers.

"We believe that with the additional imposition, there would be an increase in rates. It's an inevitable consequence," Salalima said.

At present, telecom firms charge a 10-percent value-added

tax (VAT) on mobile phone rates. The franchise tax would be on the windfall profits of the firms.

"All taxes paid by telecommunication companies are considered part of operating costs which are passable to consumers," Salalima said.

Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman thought the executive branch was singling out telecom firms simply because they were making good money.

But Finance Undersecretary Grace Pulido-Tan said that because of the fiscal crisis the government was facing, it had to find ways to raise revenues quickly.

"Telecommunication companies are very buoyant, meaning they have a lot to spare. And since the industry is robust... we're counting on them to raise funds," Tan said.

No choice

She said it was the same case with the "sin" taxes the government wants to raise on cigarettes and alcohol products, for which legislation is pending in the Senate after it was passed by the House.

Lagman asked if this was fair to the telecom firms just because

they were making a lot of money. Tan answered the government had no choice.

"I don't think it's fair but we've also some good reasons to impose taxes on services rendered by telecommunication companies," she said.

Lagman then asked if there was a constitutional provision that prohibited companies from passing on their taxes to consumers.

Salalima replied that there had been jurisprudence such as in the case of Meralco, which was ordered by the Supreme Court last year to refund to its customers the amount it had charged them to pay for the power firm's taxes.

But Tarlac Rep. Jesli Lopus, ways and means committee chair, said it would be impossible to stop companies from passing on costs to consumers.

"I don't think that can be legislated. It's a business decision. They could decide to absorb or pass this [tax] on to consumers," Lopus said.

He, however, said that any increase would still have to be approved by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) which hears rate hike requests.

JOHN AVANZINI
AT THE
Cathedral of Praise

John Avanzini is a world renowned teacher of spiritual economics. Don't miss your chance to learn practical financial truths that will change your life.

COP Regular Services
350 Taft Avenue Ermita, Manila

"Raising Cain"
December 3 Friday 7:00PM

"Manifestations of Jehovah Jireh"
December 4 Saturday 6:00PM
December 5 Sunday 9:30AM & 2:30PM

Cathedral of Praise
Visit us at: www.cop-manila.com
E-mail: copraise@globenet.com.ph
Tel: 521-0756 to 57

TV Program: What a Wonderful God
RPN Channel 9, Monday-Friday • 7:00-7:30 a.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Forum on abuse of women today

A FORUM tackling the implementing rules and regulations of a new law that considers abuse of women in intimate relations and their children a crime opens today at the University of the Philippines College of Law auditorium.

The forum, sponsored by the Philippine National Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) and the UP Center for Women's Studies (UPCWS), aims to increase public awareness of Republic Act 9262.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Adolf Azcuna, who is currently a member of the high court's

gender committee, will speak on the judiciary's role in the implementation of the law and in ensuring gender justice.

Like other gender committees in government offices, the high court's gender committee works to promote equality between men and women and make development programs gender-sensitive, as well as remove barriers to the just treatment of women and their children.

The UP College of Law, College of Mass Communication and University Student Council are co-sponsors of the forum, which starts at 9 a.m. today.

Wireless Optical Mouse
No Battery Required!

Wireless Freedom Optical Precision Ultra Light And Smooth No Battery Required No Battery Cost No RF Interference No Battery Pollution

nb-30

www.eastgatecomputer.com.ph

Mayors get P1-M advance from IRA

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday gave some town mayors an early Christmas present—P1 million apiece—in the form of an advance of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for 2005.

The P1 million, however, would only go to mayors who had earlier offered to forgo half of the 10-percent increase in their IRAs to help the government overcome its financial problems.

President Arroyo thanked the mayors in a speech she delivered at the 14th general assembly of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines at the Manila Hotel yesterday.

"This [was] purely voluntary, but for those who [would] help us in this way, in return you will get a release of P1 million of the 2005 IRA," Ms Arroyo told the mayors.

She expressed the hope that the mayors would spend the P1 million on programs of her 10-point legacy agenda.

"I also want to thank the mayors who have been going to the congressmen and the senators that you helped get elected [to ask them] to fast-track the revenue measures needed by our country," Ms Arroyo said.

Malacañang did not say how many town mayors had opted to forgo the annual 10-percent increase in their IRA.

The LMP groups the country's 1,495 municipal mayors.

There is a separate League of Cities, composed of all city mayors, and a League of Provinces, to which all governors belong.

Ms Arroyo said the municipal mayors could look forward to another reward if the tax measures she had proposed to Congress were enacted soon.

"Because you have been campaigning with them and because of their own sense of urgency and patriotism, I am confident that Congress will pass the revenue measures we have forwarded, which will mean that, hopefully, your towns may not need to take the IRA cuts after all," she said.

At the close of the assembly, the LMP passed a manifesto of support for the President's 10-point agenda in her new six-year term.

The 10-point program includes the creation of six million jobs; more classrooms and more scholarships for the poor; balancing the budget, water and electricity for every barangay; the decongestion of Metro Manila, and the linking of the entire country through transportation and digital infrastructure.

"We hereby commit ourselves, our municipalities and our constituents to actively work for the implementation and realization of the Ten-Point Agenda of the government," read the manifesto signed by Mayors Ramon Guico Jr. and Gerardo Calderon, national president and secretary general, respectively, of the LMP.

SECOND NORTH BATANGAS SUMMIT 2004

**"VISIONS OF CALABARZON:
A FOCUS ON THE EMERGING NORTH BATANGAS METROPOLITAN AREA"**
3 December 2004

First Asia Institute Auditorium, Tanauan City, Batangas

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Zenaida Manalo,
UP School of Urban Planning
University of the Philippines

Bert Mendoza,
Tanauan City Administrator

Dr. Ronnie Manahan
President, Planning Resources
and Operations System

Allen Williams
Principal Urban Specialist,
Asian Development Bank

Christian Ancheta
Urban Planner,
World Bank Infrastructure Team

Fernando Josef
Vice President,
Cultural Center of the Philippines

Vickie Batac-Antonio,
National Coordinator
City Development Strategies
Executives Association

Following the successful inaugural summit held in 2002, the NORTH BATANGAS SUMMIT 2004 with the theme "Visions of Calabarzon: A Focus on The Emerging North Batangas Metropolitan Area" brings together experts in Urban Planning, Economic Development, Resource Planning, and Education from distinguished international and local organizations.

Economic, industrial and social developments have moved further South of Metro Manila transforming former rural communities to high growth urban areas. North Batangas, an area the size of Metro Manila and Singapore, is foreseen to be the next vital component in the development of the Calabarzon growth corridor.



For information, please call First Asia Institute
at tel: (043) 778-0656/4136 loc. 104 or e-mail at
inquiries@firstasia.edu.ph

Brought to you by:
**First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities
and Bato Balani Foundation Inc**
2 President Laurel Highway, Tanauan City, Batangas

Indon cleric gave speech to terror trainees, court told

JAKARTA—An Indonesian militant said Thursday that alleged terrorist leader Abu Bakar Bashir gave a speech at a ceremony held in 2000 by the Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) extremist group in the southern Philippines.

Yudi Lukito, a self-confessed JI member, said at Bashir's trial that the elderly cleric conveyed a message of Muslim brotherhood at the ceremony at Camp Abu Bakar, which was run by the Philippine rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), on Mindanao island.

"In one ceremony, he made the closing speech which was about brotherhood among Muslims and the need to help each other. He was not the commander there. He came as a guest," Lukito, 30, told the court as Bashir sat impassively with his lawyers.

Prosecutors say Bashir, as JI chief, visited a rebel military training camp in April 2000 and relayed a "ruling from Osama bin Laden which permitted attacks and killings of Americans and their allies."

Judges asked Lukito to take a closer look at Bashir, who was sitting with his lawyers in the South Jakarta court, to see if he was the same person.

Lukito said Bashir looked younger in 2000.

Bashir, 66, denied he made a trip to the Philippines in 2000. "In 2000 I was in Indonesia and I didn't go anywhere," he told the court.

At the Philippine gathering, Bashir was flanked by senior JI members Mustafa and Mohammad Nasir bin Abbas, Lukito said.

Lukito, who is serving a jail term for weapons possession in East Java, said he spent a year and a half learning military skills in Mindanao.

Bashir, an Islamic cleric, is accused of inciting followers to carry out the October 2002 Bali nightclub bombings, in which 202 people died, and of plotting last year's attack on the Jakarta Marriott hotel, in which 12 were killed.

If found guilty he could face a death sentence.

Foreign governments say Bashir led the al-Qaida-linked JI, which is blamed for the Bali and Marriott blasts, a suicide bombing outside the Australian embassy in September and a string of other attacks.

An Indonesian court last year cleared the cleric of leading the group, which seeks to create an Islamic fundamentalist state in Southeast Asia. But police say they have new evidence of his role in the JI.

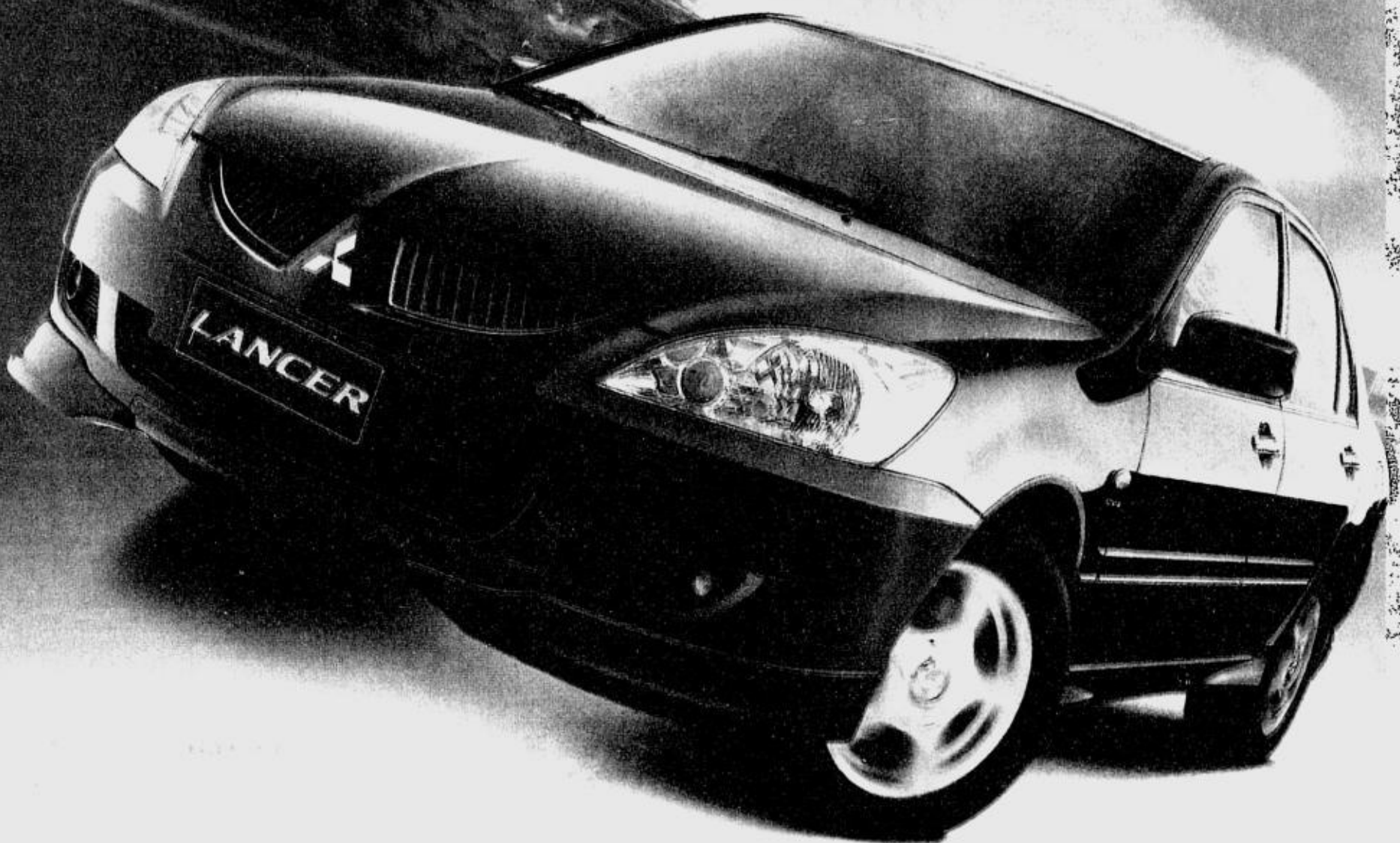
The cleric was arrested a week after the Bali blasts and has remained in detention ever since. Prosecutors have said in their indictment that he orchestrated the Marriott bombing from his cell.

Bashir has described the indictment as "legal fiction" and said he had nothing to gain from acts of terrorism since they would only fuel interference in Indonesia by Washington.

Bashir also has consistently denied links to terrorism and insists JI does not exist.

AFP, Reuters

Introducing the Mitsubishi **LANCER 1.8 MX LIMITED**



Powered for Performance.

Enjoy heart-pounding performance with the more powerful 123PS 1800cc 16-valve engine. Combined with its smooth-shifting INVECS-III CVT with 6-speed Sportronic, it delivers a steady surge of acceleration and optimized fuel efficiency. Pure performance to steer a driver's heart.



• Front Chin Spoiler • Rear Side Skirts • Rear Spoiler • Fog Lamps



INVECS-III CVT
6-Speed Sportronic



4-Spoke Leather-Wrapped
Steering Wheel
Woodgrain Paneling



MMVES DVD Player &
Tuner with LCD Monitor or
MMAD Single In-Dash
CD Player & Tuner



New Sporty 15"
Aluminum Wheels with
195/60 R15 Tires



SRS Dual Airbags



Clear Lens Tail Lamp



Mobile Phone
Hands-Free Kit



MMAS Keyless Entry
with Alarm
Engine Immobilizer

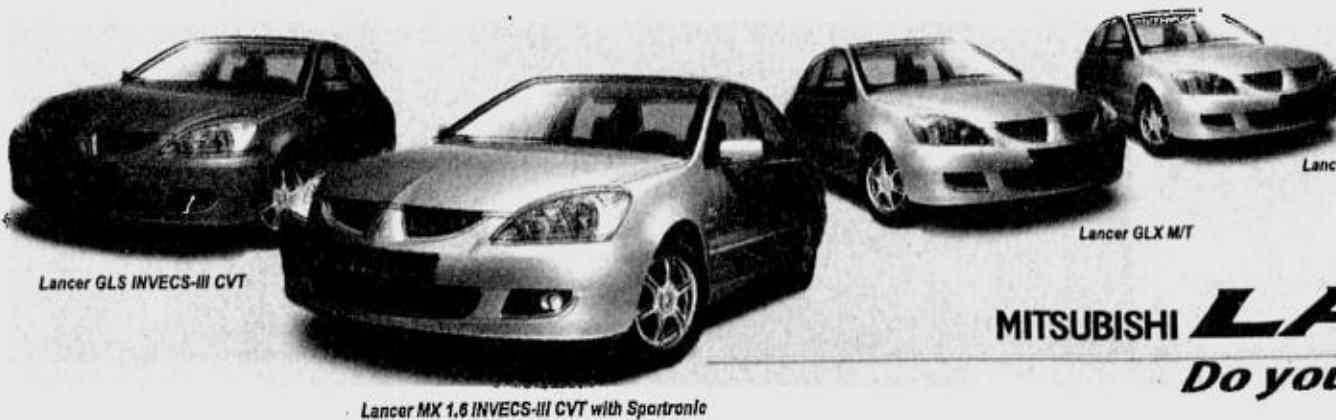


4-Wheel Disc Brakes



ABS with Electronic
Brakeforce Distribution (EBD)

Also available: Lancers with fuel-efficient 1.6 liter 4G18, SOHC, 16-valve Multi-Point Injection engines



Lancer GLS INVECS-III CVT

Lancer GLX M/T

Lancer GL M/T

Lancer MX 1.6 INVECS-III CVT with Sportronic

MITSUBISHI **LANCER**
Do you want to drive?

*Dealer option

See your nearest Mitsubishi dealer now!

METRO MANILA: CITIMOTORS, INC. - Makati (Main) - Tel. Nos.: 892-0331 to 42 CITIMOTORS, INC. - Las Piñas - Tel. Nos.: 875-1545 / 875-1704 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Greenhills (Main) - Tel. Nos.: 727-0351 to 90 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Quezon Ave. Tel. Nos.: 372-3901 to 15 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Marcos Highway - Tel. Nos.: 645-4801 to 05 DIAMOND MOTOR - Fairview Tel. Nos.: 935-3731, 418-2945 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Valje Verde - Tel. Nos.: 871-9580 to 94 MITSUBISHI MOTORS BALINTAWAK - Tel. Nos.: 330-7662/8901 to 05 UNION MOTOR CORP. - Paco (Main) - Tel. Nos.: 563-8481 to 85 / 563-8461 DIAMOND MOTOR CORP. - Alabang - Tel. Nos.: 251-7021 to 36 UNION MOTOR CORP. - Kalookan - Tel. Nos.: 304-2081 to 69 LUZON DEALERS: AMCAR AUTOMOTIVE CORP. - Sta. Rosa, Laguna - Tel. Nos.: 420-8057 to 58 CALES MOTOR CORP. - Naga City Tel. (054) 811-8119 CARWORLD, INC. - Pampanga (Main) Tel. Nos.: (045) 953-1111 CARWORLD, INC. - Malolos Tel. Nos.: (044) 791-0320 / 791-2405 to 06 CARWORLD, INC. - Marikina Tel. Nos.: (044) 711-2095 to 97 CARWORLD, INC. - Olongapo Tel. Nos.: (047) 222-3743 / 224-4307 CARWORLD, INC. - Tatalac Tel. Nos.: (0452) 992-5551 to 53 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES - OF BALIWAG CORP. - Baliuag Tel. Nos.: (044) 873-4063 / 766-4236 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES OF CABANATUAN CORP. - Cabanatuan (Main) Tel. Nos.: (044) 463-1391 / 463-5105 FREEWAY MOTOR SALES - Isabela Tel. (079) 682-8401 JABEZ MOTOR CORP. - Dasmariñas Cavite Tel. Nos.: (048) 416-5808 / 850-0119 / 416-5900 / 850-1081 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Calasiao (Main) Tel. Nos.: (075) 517-3060 / 517-5935 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Baguio City Tel. Nos.: (074) 300-3571 / 418-0157 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - La Union Tel. Nos.: (072) 705-6050 / 705-3834 MOTORPLAZA, INC. - Urdaneta Tel. Nos.: (075) 588-2502 / 588-3312 SFM SALES CORP. - San Pablo (Main) Tel. Nos.: (049) 562-0690 to 91 / 562-6509 SFM SALES CORP. - Lipa Tel. Nos.: (043) 756-1018 VISAYAS DEALERS: AVESCOR MOTORS - Iloilo Tel. Nos.: (033) 337-4455 / 337-6486 / 337-6487 AVESCOR MOTORS - Bacolod Tel. Nos.: (034) 435-2111 to 14 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. (Main) Tel. Nos.: (032) 345-1233 / 420-5777 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. - Dumaguete Tel. Nos.: (035) 225-1427 to 29 / 225-6025 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. - Tacloban Tel. Nos.: (053) 323-2620 / 323-2379 to 80 / 323-3724 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. - Tagbilaran Tel. Nos.: (038) 411-2801 / 411-5814 to 16 MINDANAO DEALERS: KARASIA, INC. - Davao (Main) Tel. Nos.: (082) 222-1111 to 18 KARASIA, INC. - Davao (South) Tel. Nos.: (082) 290-1490 to 94 / 298-0175 to 77 KARASIA, INC. - Tagum Tel. Nos.: (084) 217-3582 MINDANAO INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. Nos.: (083) 302-0588 to 87 (083) 552-4781 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. - Butuan Tel. Nos.: (085) 815-3088 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CEBU CORP. - Cagayan de Oro Tel. Nos.: (088) 855-1546 ZAMBOANGA MOTORS, INC. Tel. Nos.: (082) 991-2199 / 991-2138 / 991-2250 / 993-0780



3 YEAR WARRANTY





MINIMUM CREDIT CARD PURCHASE REQUIREMENT OF ₱3,000.00
 ZERO INTEREST AT 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 AND 24 MONTHS ON GREAT SELECTIONS THRU MAJOR CREDIT CARDS
 ZERO INTEREST UP TO 36 MONTHS ON GREAT SELECTIONS THRU UNIONBANK VISA
 ZERO PERCENT BUY NOW PAY NEXT YEAR THRU EQUITABLE CARDS E-PAY INSTALLMENT PLAN
 LAST QUARTER STORM PROMO FROM OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2004
 ZERO INTEREST IS AVAILABLE IN ALL ANSON BRANCHES
 PROVIDED YOU PAY YOUR MONTHLY INSTALLMENT IN FULL

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1919 Series of 2004

PLUS!
 A CHANCE TO WIN ANY
 OF OUR 50 MAJOR AND
 MINOR APPLIANCES
RAFFLE DAZZLE
OF PRIZES
 PROMO PERIOD: OCTOBER 1, 2004 - APRIL 30, 2005
 SEE POSTER FOR DETAILS
 Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1919 Series of 2004

JVC

AV-29JT14

- 73.67cm (29") AV multi-system
- Mts stereo w/comb filter
- New Cinema surround
- FREE CTV RACK

30,990.00



PD-42DV2

- 106.69cm (42")
- DynaPix Wide PDP TV w/Dist
- W-VGA (853 x 480 pixels)
- 3000:1 Contrast Ratio
- WiPedestal stand & receiver

249,900.00

AV-25VT34

- 63.5cm (25") AV multi-system
- Mts stereo w/twin port blaster
- Sound turbo
- FREE CTV RACK

23,990.00



AV-21VT14

- 53.3cm (21") AV multi-system mts
- DVD component input
- A1 Eco Sensor
- FREE CTV RACK

11,990.00

GR-D73V

- 16X optical zoom/700X Super Digital Zoom
- 2.5" clear LCD monitor
- Picture stabilizer & night AIV
- Web Camera function
- FREE CAMERA BAG, TAPE & TRIPOD

29,990.00



MX-SK3

- 2400w VCD
- Compact Component
- Sound Turbo & Karaoke
- Matrix Surround
- FREE 10 VCD Karaoke & Microphone

11,990.00



HX-GD7

- 3400w DVD
- Compact Component
- PAL/NTSC Digital
- Direct Progressive Scan
- Dolby Digital/DTS Decoder
- FREE DVD movie & microphone

19,990.00



ALL PRICES APPLICABLE ON ALL MAJOR INSTALLMENT CREDIT CARDS EXCEPT BDO AND AIG

Anson EMPORIUM

WE BEAT ANYBODY'S PRICE!

VISIT OUR BRANCHES AT:

ANSON BUILDING, AYALA CENTER & ANNAIZ ST., MAKATI CITY
 TEL. NO. 843 5041 / 843 5042 / 843 5043 / 843 5044 / 843 5045 / 843 5046 / 843 5047 / 843 5048 / 843 5049 / 843 5050 / 843 5051 / 843 5052 / 843 5053 / 843 5054 / 843 5055 / 843 5056 / 843 5057 / 843 5058 / 843 5059 / 843 5060 / 843 5061 / 843 5062 / 843 5063 / 843 5064 / 843 5065 / 843 5066 / 843 5067 / 843 5068 / 843 5069 / 843 5070 / 843 5071 / 843 5072 / 843 5073 / 843 5074 / 843 5075 / 843 5076 / 843 5077 / 843 5078 / 843 5079 / 843 5080 / 843 5081 / 843 5082 / 843 5083 / 843 5084 / 843 5085 / 843 5086 / 843 5087 / 843 5088 / 843 5089 / 843 5090 / 843 5091 / 843 5092 / 843 5093 / 843 5094 / 843 5095 / 843 5096 / 843 5097 / 843 5098 / 843 5099 / 843 5100 / 843 5101 / 843 5102 / 843 5103 / 843 5104 / 843 5105 / 843 5106 / 843 5107 / 843 5108 / 843 5109 / 843 5110 / 843 5111 / 843 5112 / 843 5113 / 843 5114 / 843 5115 / 843 5116 / 843 5117 / 843 5118 / 843 5119 / 843 5120 / 843 5121 / 843 5122 / 843 5123 / 843 5124 / 843 5125 / 843 5126 / 843 5127 / 843 5128 / 843 5129 / 843 5130 / 843 5131 / 843 5132 / 843 5133 / 843 5134 / 843 5135 / 843 5136 / 843 5137 / 843 5138 / 843 5139 / 843 5140 / 843 5141 / 843 5142 / 843 5143 / 843 5144 / 843 5145 / 843 5146 / 843 5147 / 843 5148 / 843 5149 / 843 5150 / 843 5151 / 843 5152 / 843 5153 / 843 5154 / 843 5155 / 843 5156 / 843 5157 / 843 5158 / 843 5159 / 843 5160 / 843 5161 / 843 5162 / 843 5163 / 843 5164 / 843 5165 / 843 5166 / 843 5167 / 843 5168 / 843 5169 / 843 5170 / 843 5171 / 843 5172 / 843 5173 / 843 5174 / 843 5175 / 843 5176 / 843 5177 / 843 5178 / 843 5179 / 843 5180 / 843 5181 / 843 5182 / 843 5183 / 843 5184 / 843 5185 / 843 5186 / 843 5187 / 843 5188 / 843 5189 / 843 5190 / 843 5191 / 843 5192 / 843 5193 / 843 5194 / 843 5195 / 843 5196 / 843 5197 / 843 5198 / 843 5199 / 843 5200 / 843 5201 / 843 5202 / 843 5203 / 843 5204 / 843 5205 / 843 5206 / 843 5207 / 843 5208 / 843 5209 / 843 5210 / 843 5211 / 843 5212 / 843 5213 / 843 5214 / 843 5215 / 843 5216 / 843 5217 / 843 5218 / 843 5219 / 843 5220 / 843 5221 / 843 5222 / 843 5223 / 843 5224 / 843 5225 / 843 5226 / 843 5227 / 843 5228 / 843 5229 / 843 5230 / 843 5231 / 843 5232 / 843 5233 / 843 5234 / 843 5235 / 843 5236 / 843 5237 / 843 5238 / 843 5239 / 843 5240 / 843 5241 / 843 5242 / 843 5243 / 843 5244 / 843 5245 / 843 5246 / 843 5247 / 843 5248 / 843 5249 / 843 5250 / 843 5251 / 843 5252 / 843 5253 / 843 5254 / 843 5255 / 843 5256 / 843 5257 / 843 5258 / 843 5259 / 843 5260 / 843 5261 / 843 5262 / 843 5263 / 843 5264 / 843 5265 / 843 5266 / 843 5267 / 843 5268 / 843 5269 / 843 5270 / 843 5271 / 843 5272 / 843 5273 / 843 5274 / 843 5275 / 843 5276 / 843 5277 / 843 5278 / 843 5279 / 843 5280 / 843 5281 / 843 5282 / 843 5283 / 843 5284 / 843 5285 / 843 5286 / 843 5287 / 843 5288 / 843 5289 / 843 5290 / 843 5291 / 843 5292 / 843 5293 / 843 5294 / 843 5295 / 843 5296 / 843 5297 / 843 5298 / 843 5299 / 843 5300 / 843 5301 / 843 5302 / 843 5303 / 843 5304 / 843 5305 / 843 5306 / 843 5307 / 843 5308 / 843 5309 / 843 5310 / 843 5311 / 843 5312 / 843 5313 / 843 5314 / 843 5315 / 843 5316 / 843 5317 / 843 5318 / 843 5319 / 843 5320 / 843 5321 / 843 5322 / 843 5323 / 843 5324 / 843 5325 / 843 5326 / 843 5327 / 843 5328 / 843 5329 / 843 5330 / 843 5331 / 843 5332 / 843 5333 / 843 5334 / 843 5335 / 843 5336 / 843 5337 / 843 5338 / 843 5339 / 843 5340 / 843 5341 / 843 5342 / 843 5343 / 843 5344 / 843 5345 / 843 5346 / 843 5347 / 843 5348 / 843 5349 / 843 5350 / 843 5351 / 843 5352 / 843 5353 / 843 5354 / 843 5355 / 843 5356 / 843 5357 / 843 5358 / 843 5359 / 843 5360 / 843 5361 / 843 5362 / 843 5363 / 843 5364 / 843 5365 / 843 5366 / 843 5367 / 843 5368 / 843 5369 / 843 5370 / 843 5371 / 843 5372 / 843 5373 / 843 5374 / 843 5375 / 843 5376 / 843 5377 / 843 5378 / 843 5379 / 843 5380 / 843 5381 / 843 5382 / 843 5383 / 843 5384 / 843 5385 / 843 5386 / 843 5387 / 843 5388 / 843 5389 / 843 5390 / 843 5391 / 843 5392 / 843 5393 / 843 5394 / 843 5395 / 843 5396 / 843 5397 / 843 5398 / 843 5399 / 843 5400 / 843 5401 / 843 5402 / 843 5403 / 843 5404 / 843 5405 / 843 5406 / 843 5407 / 843 5408 / 843 5409 / 843 5410 / 843 5411 / 843 5412 / 843 5413 / 843 5414 / 843 5415 / 843 5416 / 843 5417 / 843 5418 / 843 5419 / 843 5420 / 843 5421 / 843 5422 / 843 5423 / 843 5424 / 843 5425 / 843 5426 / 843 5427 / 843 5428 / 843 5429 / 843 5430 / 843 5431 / 843 5432 / 843 5433 / 843 5434 / 843 5435 / 843 5436 / 843 5437 / 843 5438 / 843 5439 / 843 5440 / 843 5441 / 843 5442 / 843 5443 / 843 5444 / 843 5445 / 843 5446 / 843 5447 / 843 5448 / 843 5449 / 843 5450 / 843 5451 / 843 5452 / 843 5453 / 843 5454 / 843 5455 / 843 5456 / 843 5457 / 843 5458 / 843 5459 / 843 5460 / 843 5461 / 843 5462 / 843 5463 / 843 5464 / 843 5465 / 843 5466 / 843 5467 / 843 5468 / 843 5469 / 843 5470 / 843 5471 / 843 5472 / 843 5473 / 843 5474 / 843 5475 / 843 5476 / 843 5477 / 843 5478 / 843 5479 / 843 5480 / 843 5481 / 843 5482 / 843 5483 / 843 5484 / 843 5485 / 843 5486 / 843 5487 / 843 5488 / 843 5489 / 843 5490 / 843 5491 / 843 5492 / 843 5493 / 843 5494 / 843 5495 / 843 5496 / 843 5497 / 843 5498 / 843 5499 / 843 5500 / 843 5501 / 843 5502 / 843 5503 / 843 5504 / 843 5505 / 843 5506 / 843 5507 / 843 5508 / 843 5509 / 843 5510 / 843 5511 / 843 5512 / 843 5513 / 843 5514 / 843 5515 / 843 5516 / 843 5517 / 843 5518 / 843 5519 / 843 5520 / 843 5521 / 843 5522 / 843 5523 / 843 5524 / 843 5525 / 843 5526 / 843 5527 / 843 5528 / 843 5529 / 843 5530 / 843 5531 / 843 5532 / 843 5533 / 843 5534 / 843 5535 / 843 5536 / 843 5537 / 843 5538 / 843 5539 / 843 5540 / 843 5541 / 843 5542 / 843 5543 / 843 5544 / 843 5545 / 843 5546 / 843 5547 / 843 5548 / 843 5549 / 843 5550 / 843 5551 / 843 5552 / 843 5553 / 843 5554 / 843 5555 / 843 5556 / 843 5557 / 843 5558 / 843 5559 / 843 5560 / 843 5561 / 843 5562 / 843 5563 / 843 5564 / 843 5565 / 843 5566 / 843 5567 / 843 5568 / 843 5569 / 843 5570 / 843 5571 / 843 5572 / 843 5573 / 843 5574 / 843 5575 / 843 5576 / 843 5577 / 843 5578 / 843 5579 / 843 5580 / 843 5581 / 843 5582 / 843 5583 / 843 5584 / 843 5585 / 843 5586 / 843 5587 / 843 5588 / 843 5589 / 843 5590 / 843 5591 / 843 5592 / 843 5593 / 843 5594 / 843 5595 / 843 5596 / 843 5597 / 843 5598 / 843 5599 / 843 5600 / 843 5601 / 843 5602 / 843 5603 / 843 5604 / 843 5605 / 843 5606 / 843 5607 / 843 5608 / 843 5609 / 843 5610 / 843 5611 / 843 5612 / 843 5613 / 843 5614 / 843 5615 / 843 5616 / 843 5617 / 843 5618 / 843 5619 / 843 5620 / 843 5621 / 843 5622 / 843 5623 / 843 5624 / 843 5625 / 843 5626 / 843 5627 / 843 5628 / 843 5629 / 843 5630 / 843 5631 / 843 5632 / 843 5633 / 843 5634 / 843 5635 / 843 5636 / 843 5637 / 843 5638 / 843 5639 / 843 5640 / 843 5641 / 843 5642 / 843 5643 / 843 5644 / 843 5645 / 843 5646 / 843 5647 / 843 5648 / 843 5649 / 843 5650 / 843 5651 / 843 5652 / 843 5653 / 843 5654 / 843 5655 / 843 5656 / 843 5657 / 843 5658 / 843 5659 / 843 5660 / 843 5661 / 843 5662 / 843 5663 / 843 5664 / 843 5665 / 843 5666 / 843 5667 / 843 5668 / 843 5669 / 843 5670 / 843 5671 / 843 5672 / 843 5673 / 843 5674 / 843 5675 / 843 5676 / 843 5677 / 843 5678 / 843 5679 / 843 5680 / 843 5681 / 843 5682 / 843 5683 / 843 5684 / 843 5685 / 843 5686 / 843 5687 / 843 5688 / 843 5689 / 843 5690 / 843 5691 / 843 5692 / 843 5693 / 843 5694 / 843 5695 / 843 5696 / 843 5697 / 843 5698 / 843 5699 / 843 5700 / 843 5701 / 843 5702 / 843 5703 / 843 5704 / 843 5705 / 843 5706 / 843 5707 / 843 5708 / 843 5709 / 843 5710 / 843 5711 / 843 5712 / 843 5713 / 843 5714 / 843 5715 / 843 5716 / 843 5717 / 843 5718 / 843 5719 / 843 5720 / 843 5721 / 843 5722 / 843 5723 / 843 5724 / 843 5725 / 843 5726 / 843 5727 / 843 5728 / 843 5729 / 843 5730 / 843 5731 / 843 5732 / 843 5733 / 843 5734 / 843 5735 / 843 5736 / 843 5737 / 843 5738 / 843 5739 / 843 5740 / 843 5741 / 843 5742 / 843 5743 / 843 5744 / 843 5745 / 843 5746 / 843 5747 / 843 5748 / 843 5749 / 843 5750 / 843 5751 / 843 5752 / 843 5753 / 843 5754 / 843 5755 / 843 5756 / 843 5757 / 843 5758 / 843 5759 / 843 5760 / 843 5761 / 843 5762 / 843 5763 / 843 5764 / 843 5765 / 843 5766 / 843 5767 / 843 5768 / 843 5769 / 843 5770 / 843 5771 / 843 5772 / 843 5773 / 843 5774 / 843 5775 / 843 5776 / 843 5777 / 843 5778 / 843 5779 / 843 5780 / 843 5781 / 843 5782 / 843 5783 / 843 5784 / 843 5785 / 843 5786 / 843 5787 / 843 5788 / 843 5789 / 843 5790 / 843 5791 / 843 5792 / 843 5793 / 843 5794 / 843 5795 / 843 5796 / 843 5797 / 843 5798 / 843 5799 / 843 5800 / 843 5801 / 843 5802 / 843 5803 / 843 5804 / 843 5805 / 843 5806 / 843 5807 / 843 5808 / 843 5809 / 843 5810 / 843 5811 / 843 5812 / 843 5813 / 843 5814 / 843 5815 / 843 5816 / 843 5817 / 843 5818 / 843 5819 / 843 5820 / 843 5821 / 843 5822 / 843 5823 / 843 5824 / 843 5825 / 843 5826 / 843 5827 / 843 5828 / 843 5829 / 843 5830 / 843 5831 / 843 5832 / 843 5833 / 843 5834 / 843 5835 / 843 5836 / 843 5837 / 843 5838 / 843 5839 / 843 5840 / 843 5841 / 843 5842 / 843 5843 / 843 5844 / 843 5845 / 843 5846 / 843 5847 / 843 5848 / 843 5849 / 843 5850 / 843 5851 / 843 5852 / 843 5853 / 843 5854 / 843 5855 / 843 5856 / 843 5857 / 843 5858 / 843 5859 / 843 5860 / 843 5861 / 843 5862 / 843 5863 / 843 5864 / 843 5865 / 843 5866 / 843 5867 / 843 5868 / 843 5869 / 843 5870 / 843 5871 / 843 5872 / 843 5873 / 843 5874 / 843 5875 / 843 5876 / 843 5877 / 843 5878 / 843 5879 / 843 5880 / 843 5881 / 843 5882 / 843 5883 / 843 5884 / 843 5885 / 843 5886 / 843 5887 / 843 5888 / 843 5889 / 843 5890 / 843 5891 / 843 5892 / 843 5893 / 843 5894 / 843 5895 / 843 5896 / 843 5897 / 843 5898 / 843 5899 / 843 5900 / 843 5901 / 843 5902 / 843 5903 / 843 5904 / 843 5905 / 843 5906 / 843 5907 / 843 5908 / 843 5909 / 843 5910 / 843 5911 / 843 5912 / 843 5913 / 843 5914 / 843 5915 / 843 5916 / 843 5917 / 843 5918 / 843 5919 / 843 5920 / 843 5921 / 843 5922 / 843 5923 / 843 5924 / 843 5925 / 843 5926 / 843 5927 / 843 5928 / 843 5929 / 843 5930 / 843 5931 / 843 5932 / 843 5933 / 843 5934 / 843 5935 / 843 5936 / 843 5937 / 843 5938 / 843 5939 / 843 5940 / 843 5941 / 843 5942 / 843 5943 / 843 5944 / 843 5945 / 843 5946 / 843 5947 / 843 5948 / 843 5949 / 843 5950 / 843 5951 / 843 5952 / 843 5953 / 843 5954 / 843 5955 / 843 5956 / 843 5957 / 843 5958 / 843 5959 / 843 5960 / 843 5961 / 843 5962 / 843 5963 / 843 5964 / 843 5965 / 843 5966 / 843 5967 / 843 5968 / 843 5969 / 843 5970 / 843 5971 / 843 5972 / 843 5973 / 843 5974 / 843 5975 / 843 5976 / 843 5977 / 843 5978 / 843 5979 / 843 5980 / 843 5981 / 843 5982 / 843 5983 / 843 5984 / 843 5985 / 843 5986 / 843 5987 / 843 5988 / 843 5989 / 843 5990 / 843 5991 / 843 5992 / 843 5993 / 843 5994 / 843 5995 / 843 5996 / 843 5997 / 843 5998 / 843 5999 / 843 6000 / 843 6001 / 843 6002 / 843 6003 / 843 6004 / 843 6005 / 843 6006 / 843 6007 / 843 6008 / 843 6009 / 843 6010 / 843 6011 / 843 6012 / 843 6013 / 843 6014 / 843 6015 / 843 6016 / 843 6017 / 843 6018 / 843 6019 / 843 6020 / 843 6021 / 843 6022 / 843 6023 / 843 6024 / 843 6025 / 843 6026 / 843 6027 / 843 6028 / 843 6029 / 843 6030 / 843 6031 / 843 6032 / 843 6033 / 843 6034 / 843 6035 / 843 6036 / 843 6037 / 843 6038 / 843 6039 / 843 6040 / 843 6041 / 843 6042 / 843 6043 / 843 6044 / 843 6045 / 843 6046 / 843 6047 / 843 6048 / 843 6049 / 843 6050 / 843 6051 / 843 6052 / 843 6053 / 8

Japan offers leniency to illegals who leave voluntarily

TOKYO—Japan began Thursday to offer leniency to illegal immigrants who leave voluntarily as part of a campaign aimed at halving the number of foreigners lacking proper documents in the country, authorities said.

Some 90 people queued up at the Tokyo Immigration Office to take advantage of the provision,

which trims to one from five years the time illegal residents are barred from reentering Japan if they turned themselves in, public broadcaster NHK said.

"I came here because I want to come back to Japan after one year," one Chinese man told NHK.

A woman from the Philippines told the station she showed up

saying, "I would face a penalty if I was caught."

The amended law, which took effect Thursday, also eliminated detention for foreigners who overstayed their visas, provided they have not committed serious crimes.

At the same time, the maximum fine for illegal entry was raised to

three million yen (\$29,000) from 300,000 yen. Illegals deported for the second time or more would be banned from reentry for 10 years instead of five years.

Those caught overstaying without turning themselves in would still be barred from reentering Japan for five years.

The government has been trying

to halve the number of illegal aliens in Japan from the current level of 250,000 by December 2008, an immigration spokeswoman said.

Government studies have said Japan needed to open up to a large number of immigrants to ensure a sufficient labor force as the country has one of the world's lowest birth rates.

But mass immigration is seen as meeting public opposition, with surveys showing most Japanese attribute a rise in crime to foreigners.

Japan has since 1967 encouraged foreigners with certain sought-after skills, such as engineers and academics, to work in the country, but denies visas to unskilled laborers. AFP

GMA to keynote education congress

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo will be the keynote speaker in the 1st National ICTs in Basic Education Congress on Dec. 6-7 at the Waterfront Hotel in Lahug, Cebu City.

The congress is being organized by the Foundation for Information Technology Education and Development (FIT-ED) and the Department of Education, in partnership with the University of the Philippines-Open University and the Cebu-based Coalition for Better Education. FIT-ED, chaired by Ambassador Roberto R. Romulo, is a nongovernment organization which aims to increase IT awareness in the Philippines and contribute to the efforts of enabling Philippine society for the information age.

Expected to attend the Congress are some 800 to 1,000 public and private school teachers and administrators. The Congress' main objective is to awaken the minds of local educators to the benefits of using technology as a tool for teaching and learning.

Major corporate sponsors for the event include the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, Equitable-PCI Bank and PLDT/Smart Communications. Other corporate sponsors include CISCO Systems, Intel, Microsoft Philippines, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, IBM, Innove Communications, Petron, Abotiz 1, Nestle and Contel Communications. Also helping fund this event are the office of Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., the Commission on Information and Communication Technology (CICT) and the Center for Industrial Technology and Enterprise (CITE).

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, December 3, 2004
1st Week of Advent

1st Reading: Is 29:17-24
Gospel: Mt 9:27-31

As Jesus moved on from Capernaum, two blind men followed him, shouting, "Son of David, help us!" When he was about to enter the house, the blind men caught up with him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do what you want?" They answered, "Yes, sir!"

Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "As you have believed, so let it be." And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus gave them a stern warning, "Be careful and let no one know about this." But as soon as they went away, they spread the news about him through the whole area.

Commentary

St. Jerome (347-420 AD) said about this healing, "The miracles that had gone before (raising the official's daughter to life, and curing the woman with the issue of blood) are now followed by the healing of two blind men, so that what death and disease had witnessed, blindness might witness now." And he could have added that it is followed by the healing of the dumb demoniac.

It seems to say that the word of God is able to penetrate all our barriers. In a famous passage in his Confessions, St. Augustine wrote, "You called me; you cried aloud to me; you broke through my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I burned for your peace" (Book X, 27). Notice that he uses all five senses. This is normal in Augustine's writing: he is like an organist who uses the full range of the instrument.

We are God's imperfect instruments; many of the reeds and pipes and pallets are broken or missing. But the Lord is working on us: one day, we hope, we will fill the world with God's praise.

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: cci@claret.org; Websites: <http://www.bible.claret.org> (Claretian Publications Inc.) & <http://missionaries.claret.org> (Claretians in the Philippines)

HOME GETAWAY.

...and days with your family at Villa Alegre, an intimate residential community exclusively built for a privileged few. Where first rate recreation facilities guarantee fun and relaxation within a few steps from your backyard.

Located in Carmona, Cavite, it is only a few minutes drive from Alabang, walking distance from Manila Southwoods and near San Lazaro Leisure Park. A refreshing change for those who want to avoid the stress of the city life.

Villa Alegre. Your everyday getaway home.

At a price that is surprisingly affordable.

Php 6,900 monthly through Pag-IBIG.

Villa Alegre

Another distinct development of

DMCI
50
YEARS



DMCI
HOMES

Beyond Houses. Lasting Homes.

www.dmcihomes.com

CALL 888-3333 OR TEXT 0917-8883333 NOW!

Shown here is an actual photo of Villa Alegre clubhouse and swimming pool. Home getaways in other locations also available

Para sa

Dry Cough

bago at pinakamabisang

120 mL
DEXTROMETHORPHAN HBr
PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE HCl
GUAIFENESIN

TUSERAN® Syrup
Reformulated

May
MAX-RELIEF
FORMULA

at Honey-Berry menthol flavor

Guhit-ginhawa sa dry cough
at ibang kasama nito.

If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

'Yoyong' slams Luzon

From page A1

Union and Ilocos Sur.

The typhoon's speed would have it pass through the country in a relatively short time, according to Nathaniel Cruz, branch chief of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa). "It will destroy everything in its path but it won't last a while," Cruz said yesterday afternoon.

Yoyong should be in the South China Sea by 8 a.m. today, he said. It was forecast to be 330 km west northwest of Laoag, Ilocos Sur, by this afternoon.

"We can't let our guard down just because the typhoon is already out of the country (by 8 a.m.). We still have to worry about wind-caused landslides, especially since the typhoon's winds must have already swept considerable vegetation in the mountains," Cruz said.

Scores have been reported missing and more than 160,000 people fled to higher ground or crowded into schools and town halls. Thousands of passengers were stranded in various ports in Southern Luzon and the Visayas.

A landslide in Sipocot, Camarines Sur, closed the Maharlika Highway to traffic at about 2 p.m., affecting travel between Bicol and Metro Manila.

A tidal wave hit the island town of Panukulan in northern Quezon yesterday, reported the Kabalikat Civicom radio group in Real town.

Classes, offices suspended

Press Secretary Bunye said President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered classes in all levels and work in government offices suspended today in Metro Manila and in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

As the typhoon battered Bicol, at least 15,866 people were evacuated in the region.

In Siruma, Camarines Sur, at least two fishermen were reported missing while three of their companions had been found in Calabanga, according to the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

"There are other reported missing persons in Camarines Sur and Catanduanes but we don't know yet if typhoon Yoyong was the cause," OCD regional director Arnel Capili told the INQUIRER.

The OCD in Bicol said that in Albay alone, 4,153 persons were evacuated to elementary schools.

In Catanduanes, particularly Virac, Bato and Bagamanoc, 957 persons were evacuated, and in Camarines Sur, 9,500. Earlier,



SEARCH and rescue operations conducted by Army soldiers near the town of Real, Quezon, recover a naked boy shivering in the cold.

1,281 evacuees were reported in the towns of Calabanga, Canaman, Magarao, Milao, Sangay and Bato.

Power cut

Electricity was cut in Catanduanes as of 6 a.m. yesterday, while certain areas in Albay, the Camarines provinces and Sorsogon experienced power outages.

Areas affected by flash floods were Tabaco, Malinao and those located at the foot of Mayon.

In Central Luzon, floods caused by "Winnie" killed 16 more people and drowned 90 carabaos in three towns in Nueva Ecija, disaster officials said. So far, 48 people have died from floods and landslides while 101 people were missing, according to the Department of Social Welfare and Development regional office.

Stranded passengers in the different ports of Bicol numbered 1,837. In Matnog alone, a total of 1,000 passengers have been stranded since 5 a.m. yesterday. In Pilar, 475; Tabaco, 250; Virac, 25; Buluan, 30; Sabang, Camarines Sur, 30, and Masbate, 50.

More than 650 passengers were stranded at the Batangas International Port, said Batangas Coast Guard chief Lt. Commander Elpidio Guinjo. He said 140 cargo trucks and 23 "roll-on roll-off" vessels were grounded in

10 worst typhoons in the Philippines (1948-2004)*

Date	Name	Areas hit	Dead	Hurt	Damages (PB)
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 1995	Rosing	NCR, CAR, Regions I-V & VIII	936	4,152	10.83
Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 1993	Kadlang	CAR, Regions I-III	578	337	8.75
Nov. 2-6, 1991	TS Uring	Regions VI & VIII	5,101	292	1.05
Nov. 10-14, 1990	Ruping	NCR, Regions III-XII	508	1,278	10.85
Nov. 23-27, 1987	Sisang	Regions IV, V & VIII	808	927	1.12
Nov. 3-6, 1984	Undang	Regions IV-VIII	895	2,526	1.54
Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 1984	Nitang	Regions IV, VI-VIII, & X-XI	900	1,856	3.91
Oct. 16-22, 1970	Titang	Region VI and Mindanao	631	76	0.305
Sept. 12-15, 1970	Senlang	Regions II-IV & VI	575	1,593	0.079
Oct. 17-22, 1952	Trix	Region V	895		0.088

*Does not include typhoon Winnie

PDI Research
Sources: NDCC, Pagasa and Typhoon2000.com

the port grounds.

He said all trips to Oriental Mindoro, Abra de Ilog in Occidental Mindoro, Romblon and Catiguan, Antique were suspended.

In Lucena, Quezon, a total of 40 people were reported stranded. Thirty-one were stranded in San Jose, Batangas; 22 in Romblon, and 21 in Real in Quezon. A total of 222 buses, cars and trucks and 19 sea vessels were reported stranded in these places.

Adriano Fuego, regional director of the Office of Civil Defense-8, said at least 1,539 passengers bound for Luzon were stranded at two ports in Allen, Northern Samar. Also, 40 buses, 39 light vehicles and 56 trucks

were stuck at the ports.

Tidal wave

A text message from Catherine Cervantes, a Kabalikat Civicom member in Atimonan town, said she was informed by her communication colleague from Real, Quezon, that a tidal wave hit the coastal villages of Bonbon, Matangkap, Pandan and Pagitan.

However, when the INQUIRER contacted Roberto Taule, head of the Coast Guard detachment in Real, he said he didn't have a report on the incident. He said his men didn't have any means to verify the information because of the bad weather.

When the INQUIRER contacted Kabalikat in Real town, the source

AFF, NPA in stormy exchange over truce

LUCENA CITY—The Armed Forces should declare a "unilateral ceasefire" to ensure the peaceful delivery of relief goods to calamity victims, Communist Party of the Philippines spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal said yesterday.

Rosal made the statement in reply to a request by Quezon Vice Gov. David Suarez for the New People's Army to lay off soldiers engaged in rescue and relief operations.

"Tell Vice Governor Suarez that the NPA will not harass the soldiers. But it is better if the military will declare a unilateral ceasefire," he said in a phone interview.

But Rosal's proposal was immediately shot down by Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, commander of the Southern Luzon Command based in Camp Nakar here.

"If they are really sincere and honest in helping the suffering calamity victims, why the need for us to declare a unilateral ceasefire?" Cabuay said, adding:

"Why can't [Rosal] order the NPA to desist from launching offensives against soldiers engaged in rescue and relief operations?"

"I think this only shows that [Rosal] no longer controls his men." **Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**

All gov't hospitals on code-white

HEALTH Secretary Manuel Dayrit has put all government hospitals and regional health offices on code-white alert, which means all key departments and personnel would be on standby for emergencies.

Dayrit said the Department of Health was closely monitoring calamity areas and evacuation centers to ensure that no disease pattern would lead to a disease outbreak.

He advised those in evacuation centers to take extra care in avoiding communicable ailments.

In a health advisory issued yesterday, the DOH particularly stressed the importance of drinking safe water.

"When in doubt, do not drink. Boil water for two minutes or chlorinate to make it safe. Water containers should be clean and covered at all times," the DOH said.

It said leftover food should be kept in clean containers and covered at all times to keep household pests away. Food should be cooked well.

Dayrit advised parents to prevent their children from playing in floodwaters and to seek medical attention immediately when the kids show any symptoms of infection or weakness.

He also said proper hygiene and waste disposal should protect the household from lingering bacteria or harmful microorganisms.

Among the common infections during the rainy days are coughs and colds, acute gastroenteritis, leptospirosis, measles, dengue and hepatitis A. **Blanche S. Rivera**

Some tips after the storm

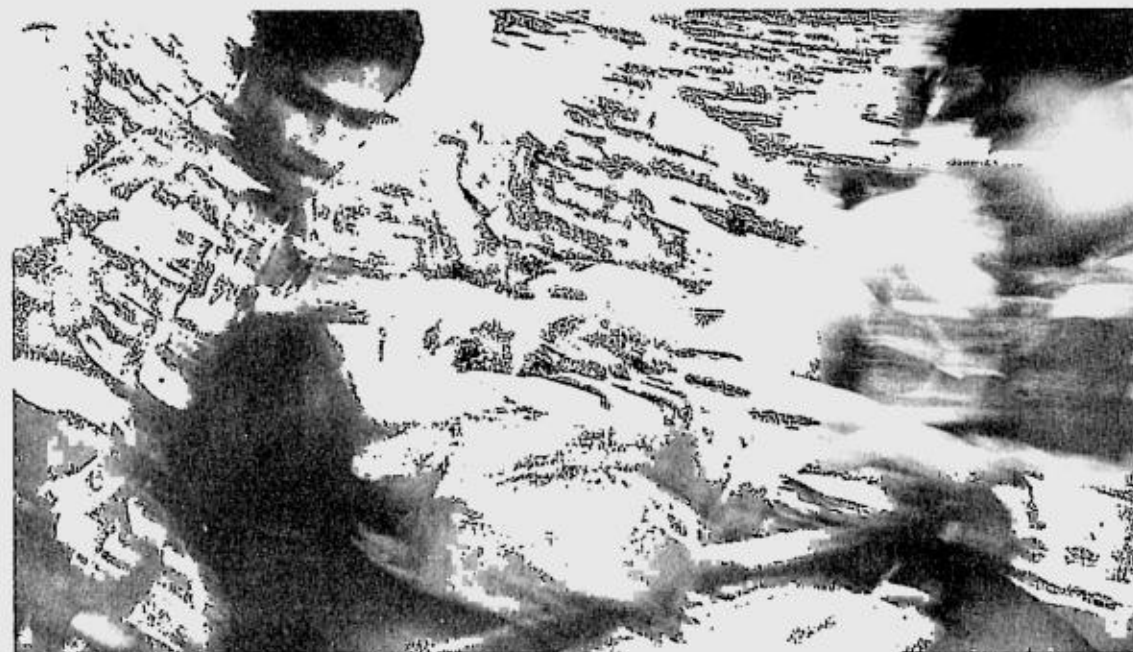
SOME tips after the typhoon:

- If you have stayed out of your house and it has been weakened by the typhoon, reenter with caution and check its foundations.
- Watch out for broken electric wires.
- Report broken utility lines (electricity, water, gas and telephone) to the appropriate agencies or authorities.
- Do not turn on the main electrical switch until it has been properly checked.
- Do not swim or ride a boat in swollen rivers.
- Do not go sight-seeing in disaster areas where your presence might hamper rescue and other emergency operations.
- Report incidences of price manipulation to the local office of the Department of Trade and Industry.
- Residents of hillside communities should be on alert for signs of possible landslide. Before a landslide, there is a gradual, often unnoticed movement, but this shows up in the cracking and sloping downward of structures. Warning signs include cracks that appear on the ground and on the walls of buildings, even with no ground shakes. The cracks are "arcuate" or curved; fences and electric posts bend or slope downward; rock beds also show signs of bending, and trees appear to be sloping down.
- Know the contact numbers of emergency response councils and concerned government authorities or NGOs in your area.

Some emergency numbers:

MERALCO-16211
Red Cross-5245787/5278384 to 89
NDCC-912-5979; 912-2665
DSWD-931-79-16, 931-80-68
Civil Defense Operation Center-911-5061

PDI Research



DINGALAN, Aurora, resident Shewin Belgar was airlifted and rushed to Fort Magsaysay Hospital in Laur, Nueva Ecija.

French firm offers free satellite use

THE FRENCH telecoms firm Vodafone yesterday offered the use of its satellites to improve communications in areas ravaged by the typhoons.

Vodafone, through Telecoms Sans Frontier, joined the list of international groups that have offered assistance to the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

The US government, through the Joint US Military Advisory Group (Jusmag), provided \$100,000 to the Philippine National Red Cross for the purchase of relief items for the typhoon victims, according to a statement from the US Embassy.

The Japanese government, through the Japanese International Coordinating Agency, also donated power generators, water purifiers and assorted relief items.

He said it was up to the airline companies if they wanted to suspend flights.

"We are open 24 hours for any emergency or commercial operations. Flight cancellations would have to be decided by the airlines," said Cusi.

The MIAA general manager said a Japan Airlines flight scheduled to arrive at 10:05 p.m. yesterday was moved to 11:50 this

morning. A Singapore Airlines scheduled to arrive at 10:25 last night was rescheduled to 11:25 this morning.

Cebu Pacific yesterday canceled the following overseas flights: Subic to Incheon, Korea; a return flight from Korea; a flight to Hong Kong and one back.

Also canceled were flights to and from Subic, Cebu, Iloilo, Davao and Bacolod.

Typhoon grounds planes; many flights canceled

By Clarissa S. Batino

AIRLINES canceled evening flights while metro railway systems halted operations starting at 6 p.m. last night in anticipation of the arrival of Typhoon "Yoyong" in Metro Manila.

Cebu Pacific canceled more than 10 domestic and overseas flights yesterday. Smaller opera-

tors like Asian Spirit also suspended most trips.

But Philippine Air Lines (PAL) said operations were normal except for the morning flight to and from Legazpi City.

PAL sister firm Air Philippines Corp. said all flights proceeded as scheduled except for a chartered flight to Daegu in Korea.

"Our projection based on the

typhoon tracking is that operations would be normal even on Friday unless Yoyong changes course. We will act accordingly and immediately issue an advisory," said PAL vice president Rolando Estabillo in an interview at 5:30 p.m.

PAL has a nightly trip to the United States and other overseas destinations.

In its advisory as of 6 p.m., PAL

said it would operate its normal schedule for flights (both domestic and international) out of Manila last night.

Continue to operate

Alfonso Cusi, general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority, said the international and domestic airports in Metro Manila would continue to operate.

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

New Ukraine election likely to be held

KIEV—A new Ukrainian poll of some sort looked increasingly likely as parliament and the Supreme Court pressed ahead on Thursday with efforts to resolve a national crisis over a disputed presidential election.

Supporters thronged in slush-filled streets, heeding opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko's call not to let momentum slip in overturning an election he said was stolen by Moscow-backed rival Viktor Yanukovich by mass fraud.

Jan Kubis, OSCE secretary general and part of a foreign mediation team in Kiev, expressed optimism that progress was being made toward resolving the crisis.

"I am very glad that there is a political will on both sides to find a way out of this

political crisis," he said in a BBC interview.

He noted: "We would like to see the two candidates, Mister Yushchenko and Yanukovich, meeting once again, then to start a political reform and eventually to constitute a new government but all this is part of one package."

Hundreds of demonstrators blocked government buildings despite what outgoing President Leonid Kuchma said was an agreement on Wednesday to free them.

"We are letting in civil servants, but no

politicians," said a guard at a blockade near the main government building.

Talks on Wednesday between the two protagonists failed to end a standoff that threatens to tear apart the former Soviet republic situated between old master Russia and the EU.

But both sides, whose talks were brokered by international mediators, agreed to proceed with constitutional changes long sought by Kuchma to reduce the powers of the president and boost those of parliament.

No more talks were scheduled pending a ruling by the Supreme Court on Yushchenko's complaint of electoral fraud in the Nov. 21 run-off for the presidency.

The court's ruling will be pivotal to resolving the crisis, which has dented the economy. If the court, meeting for a fourth day, rules in favor of the opposition, election officials will have to revoke the victory they handed to Yanukovich.

Ten days into the crisis, the opposition scored a victory in its drive to overturn the election result when parliament sacked Yanukovich as prime minister. But Yanukovich called the decision illegal and refused to accept it.

Yushchenko, who regards links to the West as key to Ukraine's future while Yanukovich views strong ties to Moscow as essential for the country's develop-

ment, has brought vast crowds of supporters onto the streets to back his case.

The European Union, the United States and other Western powers have called for a new election to end the standoff. Nato urged politicians not to reduce the dispute to an East-West row.

Yushchenko said after the talks ended on Wednesday that he wanted a repeat of last month's run-off between Yanukovich and Yushchenko—and not a completely new poll as favored by Kuchma.

"If the idea of a completely new election is raised again, there is absolutely no point in taking part in these talks," he told supporters. *Reuters*

Diplomats give embattled Annan show of support

UNITED NATIONS—World diplomats gave a show of support on Wednesday for embattled Secretary General Kofi Annan, who is facing mounting criticism over the UN role in Iraqi oil sales under Saddam Hussein.



ANNAN

The move came as a leading US senator investigating the UN's now defunct oil-for-food program called for Annan to resign, claiming he had evidence that the UN official in charge had received pay-offs from Saddam's regime.

The US government distanced itself from but did not directly reject the call by Sen. Norm Coleman, which came on the heels of another appeal from a leading US newspaper columnist this week for Annan to step down.

Diplomats from several nations met with Annan at UN headquarters in New York and expressed their support, said Spain's ambassador to the United Nations, Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo.

He said the UN chief was facing "unfair, unwarranted attacks" and that Annan, whose term concludes at the end of 2006, had been "an inspiration to us all." He said the diplomats had found Annan "in very good spirits." African nations meanwhile sent a letter, obtained by AFP, that pledged "unflinching support" for the secretary general.

"The African group is very disturbed by these (media) reports, their bias and lack of objectivity as well as their propaganda value," said the letter. "The group commends you on the able manner in which you have been handling the situation."

Annan appointed former US federal reserve banking chairman Paul Volcker to investigate wide-ranging allegations of impropriety in the program, which allowed Iraq to sell oil under UN supervision to buy humanitarian supplies.

But Coleman, who is heading a separate US Senate investigation into the program, said in the Wall Street Journal that Annan should leave office immediately. *AFP*

Tensions rise between black, white Aussies

SYDNEY—With relations between black and white Australia edging toward a flash point, Australian police charged two men on Thursday over reports that an aboriginal boy was dragged along the ground with a noose around his neck.

The incident during a farm break-in in tropical Queensland state followed a riot six days ago on a remote Queensland island sparked by the death of an aboriginal man in a police cell.

Two men and two boys are suspected of breaking into a farmhouse near Goondiwindi, 280 km west of the state capital Brisbane, on Tuesday. Police said the four were confronted by farm workers.

Aboriginal leaders said a 16-year-old boy was caught as he tried to escape across a river. His captors tied his hands, put a rope around his neck and dragged him up and down a river bank before he was beaten and threatened with a shotgun.

Media said the aborigine boy was in hospital with head and chest injuries and possible rope burns on his neck. The other boy escaped after a scuffle and raised the alarm at the nearby Toomelah aboriginal community.

Late on Thursday, police charged a 44-year-old man and a 23-year-old man with assault and ordered them to appear in court on Jan. 18. Charges of breaking and entering and theft were also laid against a 19-year-old from Toomelah. *Reuters*

Christmas Baskets



Reindeer Tray
P 1000.00



Swan Tray
P 1000.00



Magazine Rack
P 2500.00



Plenle Basket A
P 1500.00



Season Greetings
P 1500.00



Plenle Basket B
P 3000.00



Christmas Deluxe
P 2000.00



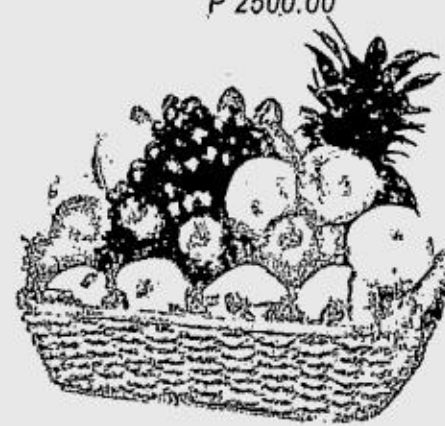
Holiday Basket
P 2500.00



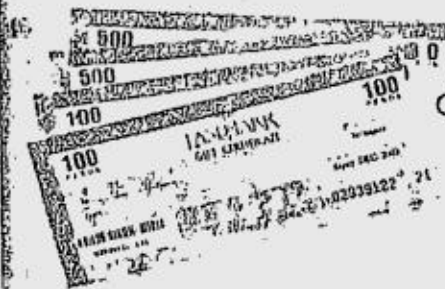
Plenle Basket C
P 5000.00



Wines & Spirits
P 1400.00



Fruit Basket



GIFT CHEQUES

For orders and inquiries, please call
(tel.no. 8109990 loc.2038 look for Mylene

THE LANDMARK



ASIAN STANDOUTS
Miss China Yang Jin (center) poses with Miss Chinese Taipei Yi Hui Xu (left) and Miss Hong Kong Queenie Chu during a photo session for the Miss World Contest in Sanya, on south China's Hainan Island Dec. 2. One hundred and seven contestants are in Sanya preparing for the final on Dec. 4.

US ups forces in Iraq to their highest levels

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon said Wednesday it is increasing US forces in Iraq to their highest levels since last year's invasion, extending tours of duty and deploying fresh troops from the United States to provide security for elections on Jan. 30.

US force levels in Iraq will climb from 138,000 to about 150,000 by late December or early January, said Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, of the Joint Staff's operations directorate.

"The 150,000 is the highest level since the invasion force," Rodriguez said. The United States had about 150,000 ground troops in Iraq at the end of major combat operations April 30, 2003.

The 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and a transportation company will have their

tours of duty extended for between 45 and 60 days through the Jan. 30 elections, he said.

Two battalions of the 82nd Airborne Division also have been ordered to deploy to Iraq for 120 days as part of the effort to bolster security during the elections.

"The purpose is mainly to provide security for the elections, but it is also to keep up the pressure on the insurgents following the Fallujah operation," Rodriguez said.

The US-led assault on Fallujah and fighting around other insurgent strongholds in the predominantly Sunni areas made November one of the deadliest months since the US invasion, with US troops suffering at least 134 dead.

The violence is expected to intensify as insurgents fight to derail the elections.

Gen. George Casey, the top US commander in Iraq, decided to extend the deployments of units already in Iraq to keep experienced forces on the ground during the period, Rodriguez said.

"They are the ones who know the ground best, who have worked with the people closest," he said.

"As far as how they will be used over there, that will be determined by the ground commander," he said.

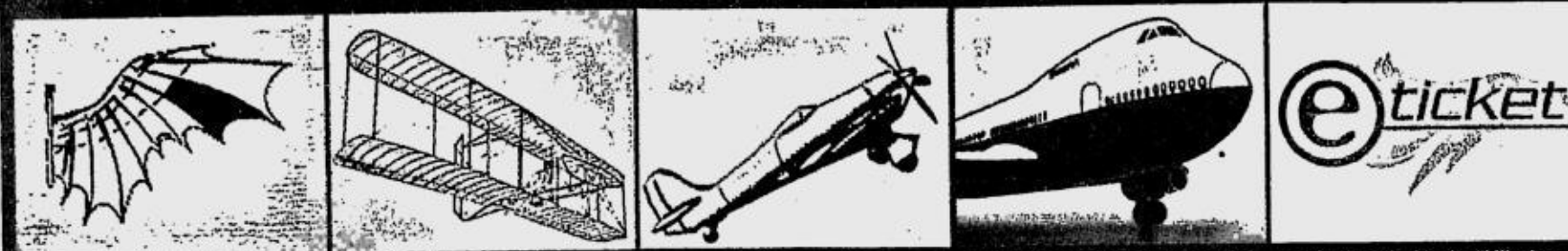
Rodriguez said the decision to step up US force levels in Iraq was "no reflection" on the performance of the newly trained Iraqi security forces, which now number about 115,000.

"The Iraqi forces have continued to improve. They are making progress toward being able to provide for their own security," he said.

Sen. Jack Reed, a Democratic member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Pentagon announcement showed that "commanders in Iraq need more troops and that this will be a long and very expensive process for the United States."

"While our forces in Iraq have been very effective in defeating the insurgents in Fallujah, there are not enough troops to respond to terrorist attacks in all areas of the country and there are certainly not enough US or Iraqi trained forces to provide adequate security for the elections in January," he said. **AFP**

EVOLUTION OF FLIGHT



Ornithopters by Leonardo da Vinci, late 1400s

1903 Wright Flyer by Orville and Wilbur Wright, 1903

Tractor-propeller monoplane by Ilya Muromov, 1906

747-100 jumbo jet by Boeing, 1969

e-Ticket launched in the Philippines by Cebu Pacific, October 2003

It is the newest, safest,
most convenient way of travelling in the 21st century.

It's called the **e-Ticket**.

In October 2003, Cebu Pacific flew the Philippines' first **e-Ticket** passenger from Manila to Cebu.

Now, November 2004, we are making the **e-Ticket** available in all our local destinations.

e-Ticketing is already used by major airlines around the world for its proven convenience and security. Instead of the usual paper ticket, a record of your ticket is electronically stored in Cebu Pacific's computer system, freeing you from worries of possible ticket loss.

How to purchase your e-Ticket :

Step 1 : Book a flight.

[You can do this in several ways]

- Call our Reservations Desk at (632) 636-4938
- Use txtCEB. Text "CEB" and send to 2982 for Globe, Touch Mobile and Sun Cellular and 386 for Smart, Talk N' Text and Addict Mobile.
- Visit any of our ticket offices nationwide.

Step 2 : Pay for your e-Ticket.

[For your convenience, you can do this in several ways.]

Through phone. Call our Reservations Desk at (632) 636-4938 and pay using your VISA / MC credit card or Equitable-PCIBank's FASTphone.

Through Cebu Pacific Ticket Offices

Pay over-the-counter at any of our Cebu Pacific ticket offices.

Through the ATM

Present enrollment is required. Just visit any Equitable-PCIBank ATM or call your branch for further details.

Step 3 : Getting your Transaction Receipt

Cebu Pacific will issue you an **e-Ticket** Transaction Receipt, which shows your usual details of ticket purchase, itinerary, amount paid, etc.

In case you need to re-book

Just call the Reservations Desk. For those outside Metro Manila, you may also call your nearest Cebu Pacific Ticket Office.

You need not go to a Ticket Office to have your ticket revalidated. An updated Transaction Receipt can be sent to you through email or fax.

Step 4 : Check-in for your flight

Present your Transaction Receipt at airport security. At the check-in counter, simply present a valid photo ID and the credit card you used to buy the **e-Ticket**. The check-in staff will retrieve your **e-Ticket** record, then issue you a boarding pass.

e-Ticketing from Cebu Pacific.
It's how the world travels in the 21st century.

Available in 14 local destinations : Bacolod, Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Kalibo, Manila, Puerto Princesa, Roxas, Tacloban, Tagbilaran & Zamboanga.



CEBU PACIFIC
WE'RE GOING YOUR WAY.



Nations pledge to cut ignorance about AIDS

BEIJING—The world's two most populous nations promised on Wednesday to eradicate ignorance about AIDS, a disease dismissed at first as a Western evil confined to drug users, homosexuals and prostitutes.

In the world's poorest continent, Africa, where the epidemic has ripped huge holes in the social and economic fabric, thousands staged rallies to mark World AIDS Day.

The World Health Organization estimates there are 25.4 million HIV sufferers in sub-Saharan Africa, 60 percent of the global total in a region with 10 percent of the world's population.

Activists and governments around the world marked the day with events drawing attention to the disease and promoting its eradication.

"HIV/AIDS is the greatest health crisis of our time. Its defeat requires the cooperation of the entire global community," US President George W. Bush said in Washington.

China, criticized for its slow initial response to HIV/AIDS, put on a display of commitment to fighting a disease the United Nations fears could infect 10 million Chinese by 2010.

In India, where over 5 million people have already been infected, the government pledged greater efforts to promote awareness, especially in rural areas and among the young.

"The world can no longer afford to ignore the enormity of the HIV epidemic," Antonio Costa, executive director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, said in Beijing.

"AIDS affects us all," said UN Secretary General Kofi Annan who called it "the worst epidemic humanity has ever faced." **Reuters**

Ultrasound scans not risk for baby

PARIS—Repeated ultrasound examinations during pregnancy do not pose a risk to the baby's health, according to a study published on Saturday in the British medical weekly The Lancet.

Australian researchers carried out follow-up tests among 2,700 children who took part in a trial 10 years ago.

Half of the children had been exposed to repeated scans during their mother's pregnancy while the other half had had only one scan, shortly before birth.

The children were checked at the ages of one, two, three, five and eight, with assessments for their height and weight, speech, behavior and neurological development.

Frequent-scan babies may have slower growth in the uterus, but after birth they catch up, the researchers say.

There is no significant difference in physical size or cognitive skills between them and infants who received only one scan, they say.

The study is lead-authored by John Newnham, a professor at the School of Women's and Infants' Health at King Edward Memorial Hospital, Subiaco, in Western Australia. **AFP**

Barghuti joins Palestinian presidential derby

RAMALLAH, West Bank—The Palestinian leadership was in turmoil Thursday after jailed intifada leader Marwan Barghuti entered the presidential campaign, pitting himself against PLO chairman Mahmud Abbas.

In a stunning U-turn, the West Bank Fatah leader filed his candidacy late Wednesday for the Jan. 9 contest to succeed the late Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat with barely three hours to go before the midnight deadline

for the close of nominations.

After lodging the nomination papers with the Palestinian elections commission, Barghuti's wife Fadwa read a statement from her husband who is currently serving five life sentences in an Israeli prison for anti-Israeli attacks.

Barghuti said he had decided to run "after deep reflection" and after having "received hundreds of messages from the grass roots (of Fatah) and from other Palestinian figures and cadres."

"I have decided to enter this democratic battle to maintain the path of the intifada and the resistance and to defend it and protect it from being labelled as terrorism," he said.

The decision, made just five days after Barghuti announced that he would not run, astonished and angered the dominant Fatah faction which had already chosen the moderate former Premier Abbas as its official candidate.

Abbas had been expected to win the

contest at a canter but he commands a fraction of Barghuti's popular support.

"We regard Marwan's position as astonishing and reprehensible. It does not conform to the traditions of Fatah," Tayeb Abdelrahim, general secretary of the presidential office, said after a meeting of the decision-making Fatah central committee in Gaza.

Even some of Barghuti's traditional supporters condemned his decision.

Zakaria Zubeidi, the head of the armed Fatah offshoot Al Aqsa Martyrs

Brigades in its Jenin stronghold, said Barghuti should not be running against the official choice of Fatah.

"We are against the candidacy of Marwan because it is contrary to the decision of the central committee of Fatah which unanimously chose Abu Mazen (Abbas) as the candidate for the election," Zubeidi told AFP.

"Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades supports the candidacy of Abu Mazen because his candidacy is a reflection of the unity of Fatah."

AFP

US hit for evading Bhopal liability

WASHINGTON—Greenpeace accused the United States Wednesday of "environmental racism" for evading liability from the world's worst industrial accident in India that may have killed more than 20,000 people.

Ahead of the 20th anniversary on Friday of the Bhopal poison gas tragedy, the global environmental group called on US authorities to ensure swift justice and adequate compensation for victims.

The tragedy occurred on Dec. 3, 1984 after about 40 tons of killer methyl isocyanate gas leaked out of a pesticide plant operated by American firm Union Carbide, now owned by US giant Dow Chemical.

"Had this happened in the US, there is no doubt that Dow Chemical would now be paying for the cleanup that would be ordered by the EPA through litigation by local community groups," said Greenpeace legal director Rick Hind.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the US environment watchdog.

"What's happening here is nothing less than taking advantage of the differences in countries but also an example of environmental racism," Hind charged at a media teleconference on the Bhopal tragedy.

AFP

Automatic CENTRE

and

Pioneer

invite you to discover

PLASMA PLEASURES

THE ULTIMATE ENTERTAINMENT EXHIBIT

Experience the latest Plasma TV's, LCD TV's, Projection TV's and more!

Nov. 22 - Dec. 5, 2004 at the Ayala Mall, Glorietta
Dec. 13 - Dec. 30 at the Alabang Town Center

AOC HIGH DEFINITION Plasmavision HITACHI Inspire the Next JVC kolin LG Panasonic PHILIPS Pioneer SAMSUNG SHARP SONY TOSHIBA

Avail of great discounts, unbelievable installment deals and lots of fantastic freebies!

Greenbelt 1 Tel# 750-3316 to 18 • Glorietta 4, Ayala Center Tel# 729-6450 • Alabang Town Center Tel# 809-5981 • Greenhills Tel# 705-1379 • Market! Market! Tel# 758-2552 to 53

Buy Things with

BancNet

pwede!

Simply use your BancNet ATM CARD at participating supermarkets, department stores, drug stores and appliance centers nationwide.

Saf • Robinson's • Rustan's Supermarket • Ever Dept. Store • Sta. Lucia Dept. Store • Shopwise • Big R • Walkmart • Timex • Cross Boutique

BancNet
PAY BILLS • BUY THINGS • TRANSFER FUNDS
www.bancnetonline.com

Publisher ISAGANI YAMBOT
Editor in Chief LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANO
Managing Editor JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO
Associate Editor ABELARDO S. ULANDAY
Associate Editor for Readership ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO
News Editor ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR. • Chief, News Day Desk NILO B. PAUROM
Opinion Editor JORGE V. ARUTA
National Editor PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.
City Editor GERRY LIRIO
Senior Desk Editor JUAN V. SARMIENTO JR.
Editorial Consultant AMANDO DORONILA
Chief Photographer ERNIE U. SARMIENTO
Art & Design Director LYNETT A. VILLARISA
Board Chairman MARIXI R. PRIETO
President ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing RENATO R. REINOSO
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services DAVID O. VALDES
VP for Advertising FELIPE R. OLARTE
AVP for Circulation GLORIA P. LARDIZABAL

All rights reserved. Except as permitted by law, no part of the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means stored in a database or retrieval system without its prior written permission.

Come together

THE HEARTBREAKING death toll from storm Winnie continues to mount, and we can only stare at the worsening statistics with the hope that somehow, somewhere they don't add up to something more ap-
pallingly tragic, and that an accounting error had been committed in the haste and the confusion.

A wide swathe of Southern—and to some extent, Central—Luzon has absorbed the fury of the typhoon. The tragedy cuts across the geographies of Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Quezon, Rizal and Metro Manila. All of these provinces constitute a searing landscape of human tragedy.

It is easy to blame illegal logging for the landslide and the terrible flooding. But the cause-finding and the blame-pinning will have to happen much later. What is needed now is for a concerted action to rescue people, alleviate the conditions of the victims, and bury the dead.

Already there are more than 500 people that have been reported dead or missing. The number may pale in comparison with the Ormoc tragedy a dozen years ago, which drowned and killed 5,000 people, but this doesn't console because our people remain subject to the vagaries of nature and the harshness of the elements, and may even have been made more prone to death and destruction by error, shortsightedness and mismanagement.

In the face of nature's wrath and human folly, the human community must come together and come to the aid of Winnie's victims. There is every opportunity for everyone to show solidarity with the casualties, the wounded and those displaced by the horrific disaster.

There are many avenues through which one can extend assistance to the victims, their kith and kin. The National Disaster Coordinating Council headed by the defense secretary and the Department of Social Welfare and Development are coordinating efforts to send immediate relief to the homeless and the other victims.

Non-government organizations are also coordinating with the government to dispatch relief and other forms of assistance to the victims. Perhaps one can channel assistance through these NGOs.

One can channel their help through the usually reliable Catholic Charities. The Church network of dioceses and parishes particularly in the affected provinces is quite extensive and wide. Those in Manila may contact Caritas Manila that has a tie-up with the Caritas of the dioceses in the affected localities. Caritas Manila will make sure the help is delivered to the beneficiaries.

There must be something in tragedies like this that pulls together a fragmented community and an anomic society so that people can rise above their petty divisions and their selfish, narrow individualism.

Last Monday, a big part of humanity in these islands suffered a tidal wave of nature's fury compounded by human shortsightedness and insensitivity. That humanity was rained down by the heavens and later buried by the mountains crumbling down to earth. It was virtually humanity's fall from grace.

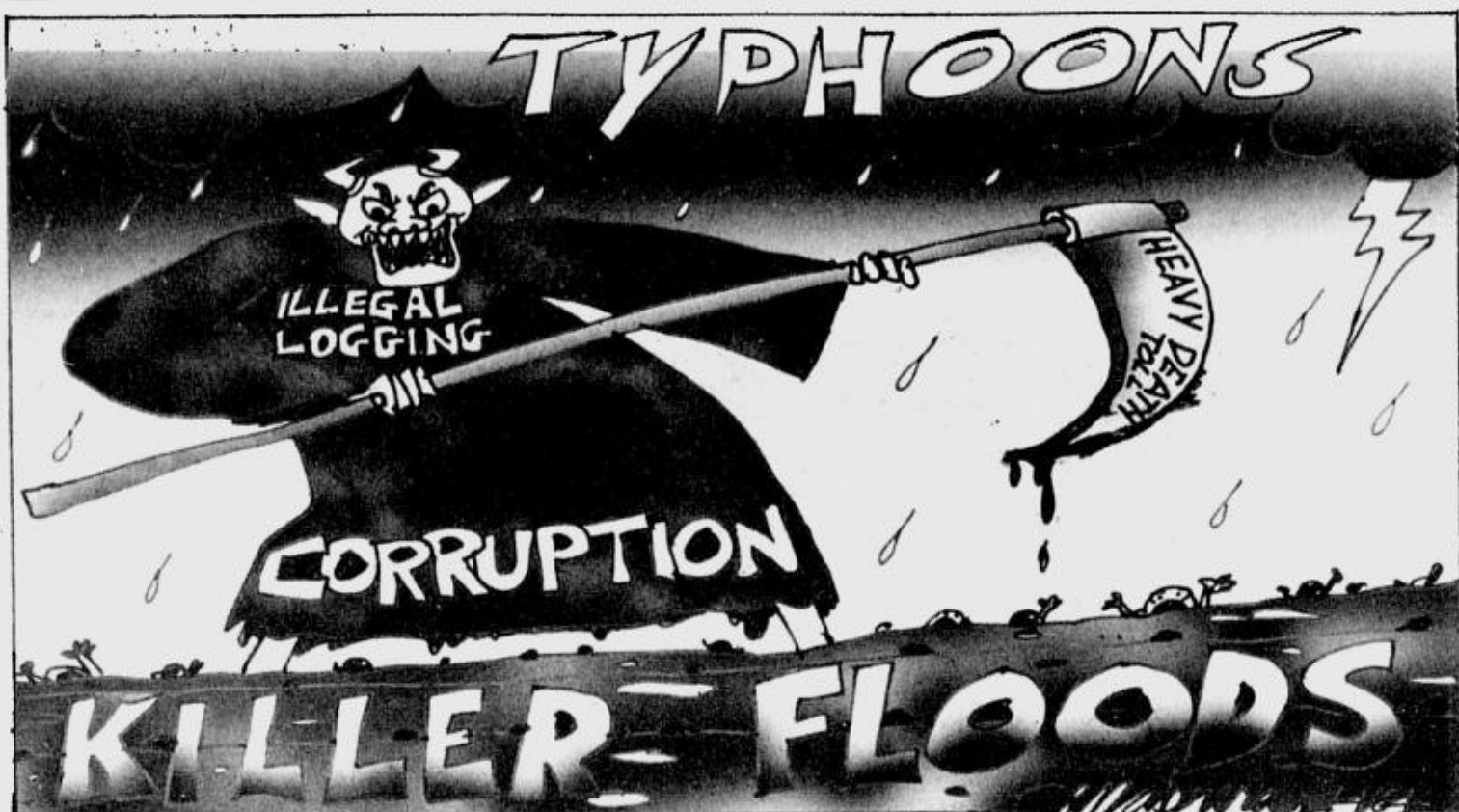
But in the aftermath of the calamity, we should see a people resurrecting from their buried selves and reconstituting the pieces of their shattered selves into a community of kindness and self-sacrifice. We should see a people dealing with misfortune and adversity with fortitude and grace. We should see a people drawing comfort and strength from the spirit and fire of indomitable humanity.

First draft

THE ACHIEVEMENT of an initial migration accord between Mexico and the United States won't in any way represent a solution to the actual problem, which is the presence of millions of undocumented migrants in US territory. It also won't solve the socio-economic problems that cause migration, that empty entire towns, and that cause the violent death of hundreds of Mexicans that cross the border illegally.

What is certain is that the accord...implies a first draft of the many civilized measures that they could take to confront a situation that, left unchecked, could bring serious conflicts and social upheaval in large areas of both nations. If they establish clear rules for working in the United States, instead of prohibiting it completely as they do now, it would mitigate the most painful aspects of the problem, like accidental deaths and the killings of migrants.

El Universal (Mexico City)



Illegal loggers are mass murderers

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

(Continued from last Wednesday)

With all the sorrow around us, we need some good news. Here's one: The Philippine National Railways (PNR) announced that its South Line, the 480-kilometer railroad from Makati to Legazpi, Albay, will be rehabilitated beginning next year at a cost of \$1 billion. The money will come from a \$50-million loan from the South Korean Export-Import Bank and another \$900 million from the Chinese government.

Now for the bad news: Squatters living along the railroad tracks in Bulacan and Pampanga have formed a "caravan" to block the government from ejecting them to give way to the NorthRail, to whom the rail tracks belong in the first place. The NorthRail will revive railroad service from Caloocan to Malolos, then to Clark and Subic, and eventually to San Fernando, La Union. The squatters want the government to abandon the project so they won't be disturbed from the railroad tracks that they have appropriated for themselves.

Only in the Philippines will you find lawbreakers telling the government what to do. Only in the Philippines will you find the government paying a fortune to squatters who don't pay any taxes at all. And only in the Philippines will you find politicians who coddle lawbreakers.

What these squatters don't realize is that the NorthRail—as well as the South Line—is the best thing that can happen to them. For the railroad will provide them fast and cheap transportation to and from where they will be relocated to wherever they want to go.

Even if they are relocated in Pampanga or Bulacan, they can go to Metro Manila or to wherever in Luzon in a matter of minutes, at a fraction of what they would pay in bus and jeepney fares.

They can live in well-planned housing projects in the countryside where there is plenty of space and fresh air and still commute quickly to their places of work. No more "home along the riles" where they live in squalor and are exposed to danger at all times. In the relocation sites, they will own their lots and homes and nobody can drive them away from there.

These squatters also don't realize that under existing laws, they don't have to be relocated or given P50,000 each as disturbance fee. The law mandates that squatters in the right of way of government infrastructure projects, such as streets and railroads, are not entitled to relocation. The government can throw them out anytime. So the government is really bending over backward by offering to relocate them.

Politicians opposing the NorthRail say it is too expensive, that it would cost P1 billion per kilometer.

Wrong. Since the total project cost is \$503.04 million, the distance from Caloocan to Malolos is 32.2 km, and the exchange rate is P56 to \$1, they took out their calculators and came out with a cost of P875 million (almost P1 billion) per kilometer.

Wrong again. This is a double-track railroad, so the rail length is actually double—64.4 km—and thus its cost is really only P248.39 million per kilometer of track.

Besides, the total cost includes the rolling stock (the locomotives and coaches: \$87.79 million for 21 units), whereas highway projects do not include the cost of the vehicles that use them. Highway construction does not include maintenance either, facilities for the vehicles, whereas a railways system requires a depot and maintenance yard (\$14.53 million). Also, the capacity of a highway in terms of moving people and goods is very much less than that of a railroad.

The virtue of judicious review

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan



with his earlier ruling in the WTO ratification case. The anti-WTO lobby contested the treaty, saying it violated the Filipino First policy of the Constitution. He said that exactly how that policy would be implemented was for the political branches of the government to say, they who were elected to make policy and had expert agencies to guide them. "Let the people through their... elected officers make their free choice."

The drafters of the Constitution wisely intended to preserve our patrimony for the nation's good. They might have recalled that the beloved Thomasites were not the first massive contingent of Americans to arrive in the Philippines. First, of course, came the soldiers. Then the mining engineers, and then the teachers. "There's gotta be gold in them thar hills."

The folly of the 1986 Constitutional Commission however is that, in order to protect the nation, they trusted too much in the Philippine state and in Filipino investors. It was a naive hope that can be excused only by recalling the glory days of Edsa I. Sadly, the past 18 years have been a record of one betrayal after another.

More specifically on the environmental costs of the mining industry, note that the real peril comes from small-scale miners, those engaged in backyard mining with absolutely no environmental safeguards. The irony is that the large-scale foreign mining corporations, pressured no doubt by eco-lobbyists in their home countries, have adopted world-standard environmental safeguards that would put to shame local—yes, our fellow Filipino—miners.

To that extent, the anti-mining lobby also misused investment laws to carry out environmental concerns (the favored legal metaphor compares it to "using a sledgehammer to drive

a nail") when fine-tuned regulations are better suited for re-greening the earth.

Indeed, the Court chided the La Bugal-B'laan petitioners. The first SC decision had been criticized for "mootness": it rendered the decision after the Australian company which held the service contract had already been sold to Filipinos, who could not have violated the Filipino First clauses, and the SC should have thrown out the case. Answering the criticism, the petitioners made what the SC considered a "completely outlandish" argument, namely, that the case was still not mooted because anyway the Constitution, though it may allow some agreements with foreigners, never allowed such agreements with Filipinos. The Court recoiled at the wholly anti-Filipino argument of the Filipino First advocates who would trample the banner they seek to hoist.

The petitioners also read "sustainable development" as postponed development, oblivious to the social cost borne meanwhile by our unemployed poor who need jobs in the here and now, whose children need tuition money and their daily *baon* today and not in some distant promised paradise. They ignore the nature of mineral agreements, which require long gestation periods and where the bargaining stance of each party changes over the lifetime of the contract, in this case, where the foreign investor and his superior technology are ascendant at the early stage of searching for the mineral deposits, but begin to "obsolesce" when the mine is found deep in the host country's home ground. Hence the need for carefully calibrated legal arrangements.

The Bugal-B'laan decision will be lauded or censured by many for the political economy of its outcome. But the Court has many times disavowed looking at the wisdom of government policy and has declared itself limited solely to the question of validity. Let Bugal-B'laan rise and fall by the craftsmanship of its legal reasoning and by the wise exercise of the Supreme Court's power of judicious review.

Comments to raul.pangalangan@up.edu.ph

ISSN
0116-2642

INQUIRER

Vol. 19 No. 359

OPINION

Text us your feedback: Inquirer opl name/clty/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at:
 • Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascarido Sts., Makati City
 • P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
 • Our telephone numbers are 897-0808 connecting all departments
 • Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
 • Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 / 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34.



Publisher ISAGANI YAMBOT
 Editor in Chief LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANO
 Managing Editor JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO
 Associate Editor ABELARDO S. ULANDAY
 Associate Editor for Readership ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO
 News Editor ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR. • Chief, News Day Desk NILO B. PAURON
 Opinion Editor JORGE V. ARUTA
 National Editor PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.
 City Editor GERRY LIRIO
 Senior Desk Editor JUAN V. SARMIENTO JR.
 Editorial Consultant AMANDO DORONILA
 Chief Photographer ERNIE U. SARMIENTO
 Art & Design Director LYNETT A. VILLARIBA
 Board Chairman MARIXI R. PRIETO
 President ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ
 Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing RENATO R. REINOSO
 Senior Vice President for Corporate Services DAVID O. VALDES
 VP for Advertising FELIPE R. OLARTE
 AVP for Circulation GLORIA P. LARDIZABAL

All rights reserved. Except as permitted by law, no part of the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means stored in a database or retrieval system without its prior written permission.

Come together

THE HEARTBREAKING death toll from storm Winnie continues to mount, and we can only stare at the worsening statistics with the hope that somehow, somewhere they don't add up to something more apallingly tragic, and that an accounting error had been committed in the haste and the confusion.

A wide swathe of Southern—and to some extent, Central—Luzon has absorbed the fury of the typhoon. The tragedy cuts across the geographies of Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Quezon, Rizal and Metro Manila. All of these provinces constitute a searing landscape of human tragedy.

It is easy to blame illegal logging for the landslide and the terrible flooding. But the cause-finding and the blame-pinning will have to happen much later. What is needed now is for a concerted action to rescue people, alleviate the conditions of the victims, and bury the dead.

Already there are more than 500 people that have been reported dead or missing. The number may pale in comparison with the Ormoc tragedy a dozen years ago, which drowned and killed 5,000 people, but this doesn't console because our people remain subject to the vagaries of nature and the harshness of the elements, and may even have been made more prone to death and destruction by error, shortsightedness and mismanagement.

In the face of nature's wrath and human folly, the human community must come together and come to the aid of Winnie's victims. There is every opportunity for everyone to show solidarity with the casualties, the wounded and those displaced by the horrific disaster.

There are many avenues through which one can extend assistance to the victims, their kith and kin. The National Disaster Coordinating Council headed by the defense secretary and the Department of Social Welfare and Development are coordinating efforts to send immediate relief to the homeless and the other victims.

Non-government organizations are also coordinating with the government to dispatch relief and other forms of assistance to the victims. Perhaps one can channel assistance through these NGOs.

Or one can channel their help through the usually reliable Catholic Charities. The Church network of dioceses and parishes particularly in the affected provinces is quite extensive and wide. Those in Manila may contact Caritas Manila that has a tie-up with the Caritas of the dioceses in the affected localities. Caritas Manila will make sure the help is delivered to the beneficiaries.

There must be something in tragedies like this that pulls together a fragmented community and an anomic society so that people can rise above their petty divisions and their selfish, narrow individualism.

Last Monday, a big part of humanity in these islands suffered a tidal wave of nature's fury compounded by atrocious human shortsightedness and insensitivity. That humanity was rained down by the heavens and later buried by the mountains crumbling down to earth. It was virtually humanity's fall from grace.

But in the aftermath of the calamity, we should see a people resurrecting from their buried selves and reconstituting the pieces of their shattered selves into a community of kindness and self-sacrifice. We should see a people dealing with misfortune and adversity with fortitude and grace. We should see a people drawing comfort and strength from the spirit and fire of indomitable humanity.

First draft

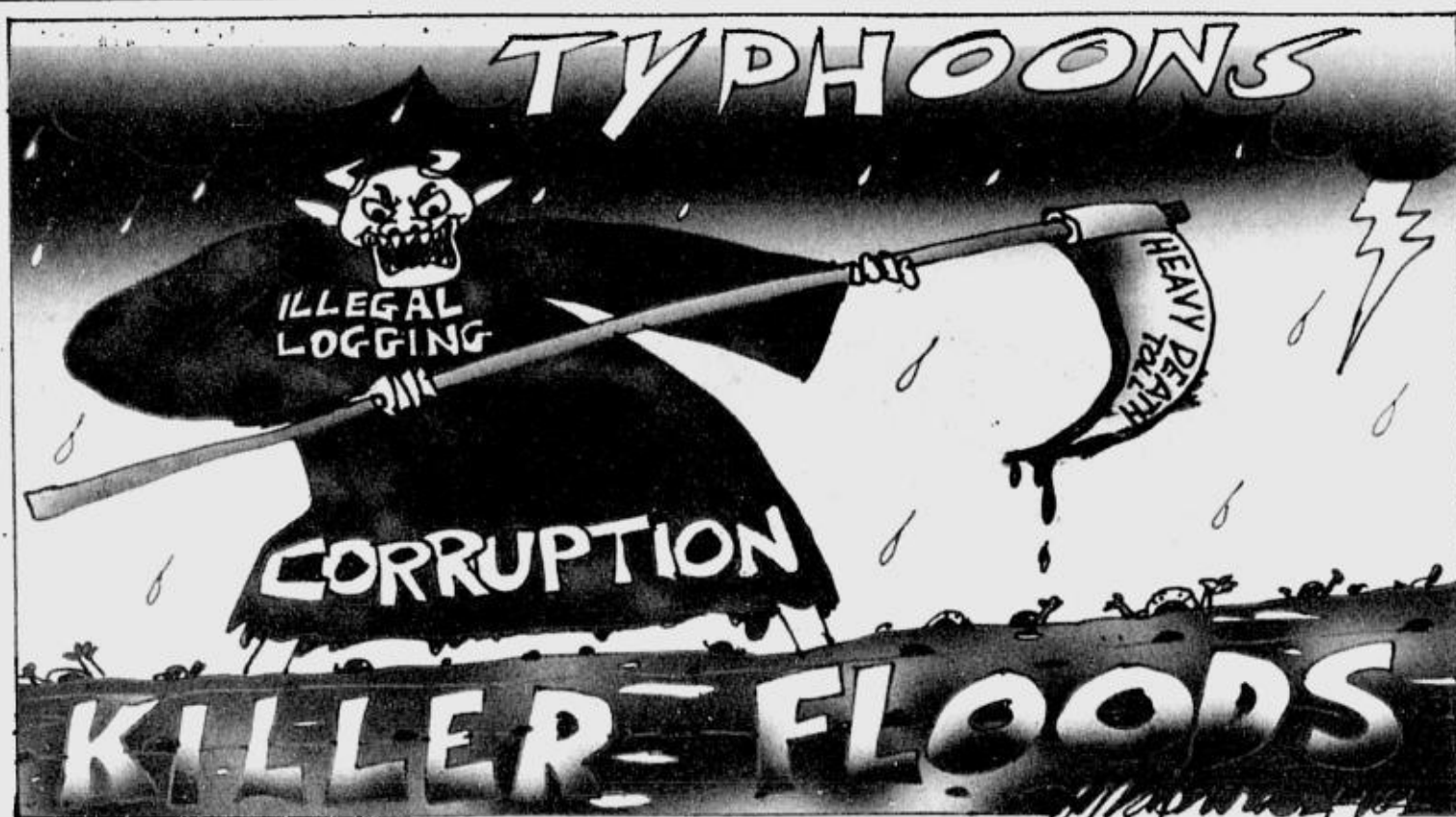
THE 'ACHIEVEMENT' of an initial migration accord between Mexico and the United States won't in any way represent a solution to the actual problem, which is the presence of millions of undocumented migrants in US territory. It also won't solve the socio-economic problems that cause migration, that empty entire towns, and that cause the violent death of hundreds of Mexicans that cross the border illegally.

FOREIGN COMMENT

If they establish clear rules for working in the United States, instead of prohibiting it completely as they do now, it would mitigate the most painful aspects of the problem, like accidental deaths and the killings of migrants.

What is certain is that the accord...implies a first draft of the many civilized measures that they could take to confront a situation that, left unchecked, could bring serious conflicts and social upheaval in large areas of both nations.

El Universal (Mexico City)



Illegal loggers are mass murderers

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

(Continued from last Wednesday)

With all the sorrow around us, we need some good news. Here's one: The Philippine National Railways (PNR) announced that its South Line, the 480-kilometer railroad from Makati to Legazpi, Albay, will be rehabilitated beginning next year at a cost of \$1 billion. The money will come from a \$50-million loan from the South Korean Export-Import Bank and another \$900 million from the Chinese government.

Now for the bad news: Squatters living along the railroad tracks in Bulacan and Pampanga have formed a "caravan" to block the government from ejecting them to give way to the NorthRail, to whom the rail tracks belong in the first place. The NorthRail will revive railroad service from Caloocan to Malolos, then to Clark and Subic, and eventually to San Fernando, La Union. The squatters want the government to abandon the project so they won't be disturbed from the railroad tracks that they have appropriated for themselves.

Only in the Philippines will you find lawbreakers telling the government what to do. Only in the Philippines will you find the government paying a fortune to squatters who don't pay any taxes at all. And only in the Philippines will you find politicians who coddle lawbreakers.

What these squatters don't realize is that the NorthRail—as well as the South Line—is the best thing that can happen to them. For the railroad will provide them fast and cheap transportation to and from where they will be relocated to wherever they want to go.

Even if they are relocated in Pampanga or Bulacan, they can go to Metro Manila or to wherever in Luzon in a matter of minutes, at a fraction of what they would pay in bus and jeepney fares.

They can live in well-planned housing projects in the countryside where there is plenty of space and fresh air and still commute quickly to their places of work. No more "home along the riles" where they live in squalor and are exposed to danger at all times. In the relocation sites, they will own their lots and homes and nobody can drive them away from there.

These squatters also don't realize that under existing laws, they don't have to be relocated or given P50,000 each as disturbance fee. The law mandates that squatters in the right of way of government infrastructure projects, such as streets and railroads, are not entitled to relocation. The government can throw them out anytime. So the government is really bending over backward by offering to relocate them.

Politicians opposing the NorthRail say it is too expensive, that it would cost P1 billion per kilometer.

Wrong. Since the total project cost is \$503.04 million, the distance from Caloocan to Malolos is 32.2 km, and the exchange rate is P56 to \$1, they took out their calculators and came out with a cost of P875 million (almost P1 billion) per kilometer.

Wrong again. This is a double-track railroad, so the rail length is actually double—64.4 km—and thus its cost is really only P248.39 million per kilometer of track.

Besides, the total cost includes the rolling stock (the locomotives and coaches: \$87.79 million for 21 units), whereas highway projects do not include the cost of the vehicles that use them. Highway construction does not include maintenance either, facilities for the vehicles, whereas a railways system requires a depot and maintenance yard (\$14.53 million). Also, the capacity of a highway in terms of moving people and goods is very much less than that of a railroad.

The virtue of judicious review

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan



with his earlier ruling in the WTO ratification case. The anti-WTO lobby contested the treaty, saying it violated the Filipino First policy of the Constitution. He said that exactly how that policy would be implemented was for the political branches of the government to say, they who were elected to make policy and had expert agencies to guide them. "Let the people through their... elected officers make their free choice."

The drafters of the Constitution wisely intended to preserve our patrimony for the nation's good. They might have recalled that the beloved Thomasites were not the first massive contingent of Americans to arrive in the Philippines. First, of course, came the soldiers. Then the mining engineers, and then the teachers. "There's gotta be gold in them thar hills."

The folly of the 1986 Constitutional Commission however is that, in order to protect the nation, they trusted too much in the Philippine state and in Filipino investors. It was a naive hope that can be excused only by recalling the glory days of Edsa I. Sadly, the past 18 years have been a record of one betrayal after another.

More specifically on the environmental costs of the mining industry, note that the real peril comes from small-scale miners, those engaged in backyard mining with absolutely no environmental safeguards. The irony is that the large-scale foreign mining corporations, pressured no doubt by eco-lobbyists in their home countries, have adopted world-standard environmental safeguards that would put to shame local—yes, our fellow Filipino—miners.

To that extent, the anti-mining lobby also misused investment laws to carry out environmental concerns (the favored legal metaphor compares it to "using a sledgehammer to drive

a nail") when fine-tuned regulations are better suited for re-greening the earth.

Indeed, the Court chided the La Bugal-B'laan petitioners. The first SC decision had been criticized for "mootness": it rendered the decision after the Australian company which held the service contract had already been sold to Filipinos, who could not have violated the Filipino First clauses, and the SC should have thrown out the case. Answering the criticism, the petitioners made what the SC considered a "completely outlandish" argument, namely, that the case was still not mooted because anyway the Constitution, though it may allow some agreements with foreigners, never allowed such agreements with Filipinos. The Court recoiled at the wholly anti-Filipino argument of the Filipino First advocates who would trample the banner they seek to hoist.

The petitioners also read "sustainable development" as postponed development, oblivious to the social cost borne meanwhile by our unemployed poor who need jobs in the here and now, whose children need tuition money and their daily baon today and not in some distant promised paradise. They ignore the nature of mineral agreements, which require long gestation periods and where the bargaining stance of each party changes over the lifetime of the contract, in this case, where the foreign investor and his superior technology are ascendant at the early stage of searching for the mineral deposits, but begin to "obsolesce" when the mine is found deep in the host country's home ground. Hence the need for carefully calibrated legal arrangements.

The Bugal-B'laan decision will be lauded or censured by many for the political economy of its outcome. But the Court has many times disavowed looking at the wisdom of government policy and has declared itself limited solely to the question of validity. Let Bugal-B'laan rise and fall by the craftsmanship of its legal reasoning and by the wise exercise of the Supreme Court's power of judicious review.

Comments to raul.pangalangan@up.edu.ph

Extraordinary turnaround

IN AN EXTRAORDINARY turnaround, the Supreme Court on Wednesday flung wide open the mineral wealth of the country for "exploration, development and utilization" by foreign mining companies in a decision overturning its ruling last Jan. 27, which held as unconstitutional the Philippine Mining Act of 1995. The Jan. 27 decision disallowed wholly owned foreign companies from exploiting the mineral sector.

Last Wednesday's decision marked an unprecedented liberal interpretation of the nationalist provisions of the Constitution that have historically tended to restrict the exploitation of the national patrimony to companies owned or controlled by Filipinos. The 246-page decision, penned by Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban, took great pains to explain and argue the departure from the restrictive school of thought that has dominated Philippine jurisprudence on national patrimony exploitation since the adoption of the first Commonwealth Constitution in 1935.

The decision could break new ground and serve as precedent for further liberalization of the economic nationalist provisions of the Constitution. It aligned the Constitution to the requirements of contemporary economic development driven by foreign investment and freer flow of capital and business intercourse between developed and developing economies, such as the Philippines.

Emphasizing the decisiveness of the ruling, the Court voted 10-4, with one abstention, leaving little doubt about the conviction that went behind the decision. Specifically, the Court held as legal the Financial-Technical Assistance Agreement which the government had signed in 1995 with Western Mining Corp. Phils., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Australian firm Western Mining Corp. Holdings Ltd.

To show the switch from its January decision which declared the 1995 Mining Act, upon which the FTAA was based, as unconstitutional, the Court in January voted 7-5. The 10 who voted to overturn the January decision were Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Justices Panganiban, Reynato Puno, Leonardo Quisumbing, Angelina Sandoval

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila



Gutierrez, Alicia Austria-Martinez, Renato Corona, Dante Tinga, Minita Chico-Nazario and Cancio Garcia. The four who dissented were Justices Consuelo Yñares-Santiago, Antonio Carpio, Conchita Carpio-Morales and Romeo Callejo.

In January, the seven justices who voted to declare the Mining Act unconstitutional were Davide, Puno, Quisumbing, Carpio-Morales, Corona, Callejo and Tinga. The decision held that the 1995 FTAA did not contravene the 1987 Constitution because the Constitution expressly allowed service contracts in "large-scale exploration, development and utilization of minerals, petroleum and mineral oils."

The broad philosophical argument that underpinned the latest decision was expressed in the following words:

"The Constitution should be read in broad life-giving strokes. It should not be used to strangle economic growth or to serve narrow, parochial interests."

"Rather, it should be construed to grant the President and Congress sufficient discretion and reasonable leeway to enable them to attract foreign investment, as well as to secure for our people and our posterity the blessings of prosperity and peace."

The decision reflected the Court's awareness of criticisms from the business community that, in a series of decisions, it had interfered in executive decisions concerning economy-related contracts and had thus exercised the economic policymaking prerogatives of the executive and legislated economic policies. The decision clearly addressed this contentious issue.

"The judiciary should not inordinately interfere

in the exercise of this presidential power of control over the EDU (exploration, development and utilization) of our natural resources," the Court said. In a clear effort to strike a balance between the protection of the national patrimony and the economic requirements of a modern economy, the Court said its new decision would answer the "need to develop our mining industry and extract what NEDA Secretary Romulo Neri estimates is some \$840 billion worth of mineral wealth lying hidden in the ground, in order to jump-start our floundering economy on the one hand, and on the other, the need to enhance our nationalistic aspirations, protect our indigenous communities, and prevent irreversible ecological damage."

The Court added: "Verily, the mineral wealth and natural resources of this country are meant to benefit not merely a select group of people living in areas locally affected by mining activities, but the entire Filipino nation."

The decision indicated that the Court gave weight to the huge economic cost of losing foreign mining investment.

The administration, the business community and mining groups joined in chorus to hail the decision. Their reaction indicated the economic importance these groups attached to the decision.

The nationalist sector has yet to express its reaction. The administration said the decision put the country in position "for a strong economic takeoff based on a reinvigorated mining industry."

The Chamber of Mines of the Philippines said the decision would ensure the flow of foreign direct investments into the country, and the Philippine Mineral Exploration Association said the decision would send a positive note to foreign investors. The European Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines called the decision "very good news." It added: "We have been hoping for this and this would mean investments in the sector could (come alive) again."

Once one of the strongest exporting sectors of the economy, mining has declined so much that it exported only \$500 million worth of products in 2000, from a peak of \$1.2 billion in 1980.

Bipolar nation

LAST year I was asked, on a radio talk show, if I thought we were suffering from national depression. I replied, "Not quite. I think we're more bipolar or manic-depressive, swinging from one extreme mood to another."

Mind you, I have nothing against bipolar people. One of my best friends is bipolar, and in a very extreme way. When she's down, you can almost see a dark cloud hanging over her head as she walks—no, I should say plods—around.

Then she'll shift to an "up" mood, and I mean up: she'll call and ask me to go shop with her so I can rein her in, lest she end up buying two Yves Saint Laurent (YSL) bags at \$1,000 each (yup, the genuine ones)—same design, one for back-up—like she did several years ago in a manic mood.

You're born bipolar and you learn to live with it, with the help of a good psychiatrist and a social support network. But when a whole nation goes bipolar, that's another matter.

From Winnie to Yoyong

The idea that we might be a bipolar nation came back to me this week because of the way we've responded to the series of typhoons.

When Winnie was approaching the Philippines last week end, BBC's weather reports already warned about the storm and another tropical disturbance they'd spotted on their meteorological maps. That other disturbance has developed into Yoyong. Okay, so maybe the British are obsessed with weather, but their warnings were in such sharp contrast to an almost complete silence in the local media, despite the fact that just the other week, we'd been battered by two other typhoons, Unding and Violy.

Maybe because we get more than 20 typhoons a year, we tend to become rather cavalier about each approaching storm, our attention caught briefly by the letter of the alphabet in its name, rather than impending danger.

Even when Winnie finally struck, most of us in Metro Manila were not too concerned, partly because its wind speed was low. So the rains kept coming and some of Manila's streets were flooded. But then flooding is so much part of our lives as well, so we shrugged it off as another inconvenience of life in Manila. Were we shocked to find out, after Winnie left, the number of lives it had claimed.

From our down mood before Winnie struck, we've shifted into a manic frenzy with Yoyong. Day in, day out, we've been surrounded by the shrill voices of radio and television commentators warning about Yoyong. Classes were suspended even before the storm landed, while television and radio crews went around the markets, warning about high prices. I caught one TV host announcing that bangus had gone up to P120 a kilo, only to turn to a vendor who insisted she was selling her bangus at P100. I'm sure that after the TV crew left, prices all soared to fulfill the doomsday prophecies.

Then there were the vultures feasting on Winnie's victims: politicians condoling with relatives of the dead and proclaiming their indignation over illegal logging while reporters went around interviewing mourning women and children and asking them how they felt. (One particularly callous reporter asked a young boy in a hospital why he was sad, right after the child had recounted losing two brothers to the floods.)

Early warning

Alas, after Yoyong leaves, I suspect we'll slide back into lethargy until next year's new typhoon season. The righteous politicians and reporters will take up other issues and we will forget about the need to set up effective monitoring and warning systems.

A few years back, I was in Hong Kong (which is as vulnerable to typhoons as we are) when a strong typhoon lashed in. Even before the typhoon struck, television and radio kept flashing warnings and updates, including what precautions were needed to be taken. There was a sense of urgency, but not of panic and frenzy like we're seeing now for Yoyong. When the typhoon finally struck, the updates continued, again without the hysterical and shrill voices. The public was advised on which streets to avoid because they'd become flooded, but people remained calm despite the ferocity of the typhoon.

We need to have such a system in place to deal directly with the threat of typhoons. But we also need to link typhoon preparedness to environmental monitoring systems, so that places already environmentally damaged can be given top priority not just for warning announcements but for actual evacuation. Here we'd need trained social workers to mobilize people; with the last three typhoons, residents were known to resist evacuation even after the rains began.

Another kind of typhoon

I worry about another kind of typhoon about which we being too complacent, with the possibility that we'll swing the other manic extreme in a few years.

I refer here to the population problem. Last Wednesday, a team of economists from UP issued a paper warning that poverty will continue to plague us if the government doesn't face up to the population problem. The economists pointed out that we would need to double our current economic growth rates if it is to keep pace with population growth. But such doubling is unlikely to happen, so poverty levels will continue to be serious. The economists named all kinds of problems related to this poverty-population link, from a lack of jobs to the problems of responding to disasters like typhoons.

This was the same group of economists who had warned a few weeks ago, about an impending fiscal crisis. The response to that first paper was, well, manic, with no less than the President calling for increased tax collections and government austerity. Other politicians hopped into the bandwagon with all kinds of proposals such as the Bayanihan Fund.

The manic mood around the threat of a fiscal crisis was short-lived. The President announced, like some miracle worker, that the threat was over. Our wise members of Congress agreed with the President's diagnosis, blocking increased taxes on tobacco and alcohol and stubbornly clinging on to their pork barrel. And the nation slipped back into national depression... or is it national coma?

With the UP economists' new white paper, the public response has been anemic. My own beloved INQUIRER buried an article on Page 4, with hardly any mention of the paper itself and focusing instead on the responses of a Catholic bishop and a University of Asia and the Pacific economist, both of course denying that there was a population problem. Other dailies missed out completely on the paper. Only Business World gave it front-page coverage.

I predict we will continue to wallow in our present "down" mood. Given that the population typhoon is already with us, we seem to be content with retreating into our individual cocoons to weather the raging storm, occasionally peeking out and whining about the congestion but hoping it will go away eventually. Unfortunately, we will reap the consequences of this denial, reaching a point several years from now, when we might shift to the other extreme: to a manic backlash that will include draconian population control measures. Sadly, even those measures may turn out to be too little, too late.

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

Remembering Bibot

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

MARRAKESH—When you're abroad, the mere mention of your country on CNN or BBC is apt to send alarm bells ringing.

I was digging through my suitcase when I heard something about the Philippines on the TV. "Rina, your country is on CNN!" exclaimed my roommate, Martha Swai, a radio producer from Tanzania.

Immediately, I rushed in front of the set, impatient for the commercial break to be over so I could listen to the news in full. It turned out to be news about the devastating floods and landslides that have killed almost 500 people in Quezon and Aurora. The footage aired on CNN showed floodwaters and mud, the color of coffee, inundating houses and what looked like fallen trees.

"Denudation has always been a problem in Luzon," I explained to Martha, while I felt sick to my stomach, realizing that such a death toll, meriting a mention on CNN, has become "routine" in our country. And not just because we're going through a late typhoon season, but also because our own neglect as a people, particularly the destruction of our natural resources, magnifies the impact of what should be but a seasonal occurrence.

The Philippines seemed to be very much on CNN's mind, since the news of the deaths from the floods was followed very soon after by a weather report predicting another typhoon to hit the country in the next few days, if not hours. Even the weatherman was moved to express his concern for the country still reeling from earlier floods and typhoons.

My sympathies to the families of all those who died everywhere devastation has hit, including Mindoro which was in the headlines the day I left. There is something about being away from your country and your loved ones that focuses your attention on them. For which I can only offer my thanks for this timely "heads up."

ANOTHER bit of shocking news that came my way, by way of an early morning text message, was that of the passing of Zeneida "Bibot" Amador.

I'm sure that by now the media would be full of encomiums about Bibot's role in the devel-

opment of Philippine theater, particularly the way she trained and honed to the heights of professionalism current luminaries in theater and the arts, including Lea Salonga and Monique Wilson. But I prefer to remember Bibot in her many incarnations on stage, TV and even the movies.

For most Filipinos, our introduction to Bibot was on a TV show, "Santa Zita and Mary Rose." Here, she played a mean, naughty but big-hearted housemaid, and she was one reason my sisters and I religiously followed this show that tracked the many joys and sorrows of a middle-class family and the parallel lives of their house help.

Such was Bibot's impact, though, that I can't for the life of me remember any other cast member, even if, as I write this, their faces float before me. So uncannily did this household drama reflect our own concerns in those more innocent times that we felt it was a story of our lives. Though looking back, I now recognize that it took a somewhat naïve view of the social divisions that still bedevil Philippine society.

FROM "SANTA ZITA," Bibot would move on to found Repertory Philippines, which is notable not just for producing the majority of Filipino artists tapped by Cameron Mackintosh for "Miss Saigon," though come to think of it, name any theater notable in these parts and chances are he or she had at one time or another gone through the wringer of Bibot's direction.

Repertory's bigger accomplishment, I believe, is creating and sustaining an audience for theater in this country. Some decades ago, there was this controversy over the "proper" content of theater.

Some, who called themselves nationalists, felt a theater company like Repertory which preferred to stage imported material, mainly from Broadway, was squandering its talents and resources on meaningless "fluff." Never one to shy away from a fight, Bibot retorted that Repertory would put on a Filipino production the minute she found "quality" material.

Looking back, one realizes the silliness of the dispute. Because what this country needed, and still needs, is a theater-going tradition, a habit of thought and inclination for theater, so that, while searching for entertainment and enlightenment, one would think of watching a play or a musical.

IT turns out that there are not just two kinds of theater in this country, but many streams and audience niches. And it is only because of the dogged dedication of champions like Bibot that theater has survived here, though theater companies, even the well-established ones, still struggle to keep their heads above water.

One memory of Bibot stands out. We were both taking part in "V-Day," the annual fundraising and consciousness-raising event spawned by the "Vagina Monologues." When I arrived, I found Bibot sitting cross legged near the door, smoking. When I inquired whether New Voice Company, which stages TVM here, would be providing us with makeup artists, Bibot laughed heartily. "We're doing this for free! If they could afford makeup artists, they could pay us!" Then she added, with trademark insouciance, "I don't care about makeup. I've always known I'm ugly, and there's nothing that makeup can do to change that."

She would later appear onstage in the same shorts-and-T-shirt outfit she was wearing when I met her. But Bibot's performance of "Beneath the Burkha," a newly written addition to TVM, blew away playwright Eve Ensler, who would later say that she found new insights into her own words just by listening to Bibot read them.

That was vintage Bibot, one of the best (if unheralded) actors we have produced, who mothered Philippine theater as best she could.

Center of Christmas celebration

WHILE Christmas carols have been playing in some shops since September (the beginning of the so-called "ber" months leading to December), I have not really felt the Christmas cheer. By this time Christmas trees, lights and lanterns are already up, but nothing struck me as hard as missing the "Gloria" at last Sunday's Mass. The once colorful celebrant's vestments have turned dark, reminding us of Advent. Not a very cheerful liturgical season really, but one cannot emphasize the joy of Christmas without providing contrast.

Driving north and south of Manila recently, I gazed at rice fields and noticed the white herons walking or flying about. This is one of the signs of Christmas, migratory birds escaping from the cold winds of China, resting in the Philippines before moving off to their next destination.

Looking at the beautiful birds, the Pinoy in me wondered if they were edible, and if they were, did they taste best roasted, fried, stuffed or drowned in some dark and thick sauce? I guessed they were not very good or that at least they were swift enough to elude hunters because most of our seasonal visitors survive the long trip and return to their point of origin.

Short of causing panic, I also asked asked if they were immune to bird flu. I answered my own question and suggested that the warm and polluted Philippine air eliminated the virus.

Two Sundays ago, after lunch in my favorite aunt's house in San Fernando, Pampanga, there was a scramble for something on the table. Wrapped in newspaper and banana leaves was the fragrant *duman*, a young, green, semi-sticky rice sold only in November and December. Since a small bag costs P1,800, it was not served on a platter but was lovingly and sparingly coaxed from the bag and everyone grabbed handfuls without waiting for the chocolate in the kitchen that had not yet come to a boil.

With the first bag quickly gone and enjoyed,

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



my aunt waited for the hot chocolate to come in before opening the second bag of *duman*. Again the mad rush, but this time the *duman* was mixed with the chocolate and scooped up like there was no tomorrow.

While this was going on, people expressed their preferences. Some liked *duman* as is while others liked theirs fried and popped to make what is better known as *pinipig*.

Different people have different ways of reckoning the seasons, using varying signals which are usually visual. But for me, food is a major marker. With *duman*, the countdown to Christmas and everything nice begins.

Aside from being with the truly extended family, it is the meal that is at the center of the celebration. It is odd that while the menu has not changed in decades, everyone looks forward to it. After midnight Mass (which these days is often celebrated earlier), the cool air gives one a hearty appetite and an appreciation for steaming hot chicken and pork *nilaga* with added zest from roasted ham bones boiled to make the stock. Standard fiesta fare will be found on tables: *rellenong bangus*, *rellenong manuc* or *galantina*, generous slices of *queso de bola* (aged edam cheese, usually "Marca Pato" or "Marca Piña" with the trademark duck or pineapple on the red cellophane cover), tamales, glazed ham, fruit salad, *birinchi* (the Spanish *paella* indigenized in Pampanga, made with sticky rice and given a distinctive green color), and, if available, *apahap* which

was once considered the only fish proper for a fiesta table because it was the most expensive. Then, of course, what fiesta table can be complete without *lechon* or suckling pig as the center piece? (But in recent years, I have noticed that the apple in the snout is not as common as it used to be.) My aunt has the best freshly popped *chicharon* with *laman* in town. She encourages us to enjoy the *chicharon*, assuring us it is healthy having been deep-fried in canola oil.

Dessert that sits on a separate table could be said to be just as important (or perhaps more important) than the *ulam* on the main table. In Pampanga, we have a sweet tooth resulting in a wide range of choices: hot chocolate with *duman*, *tibuk-tibuk* (loosely translated as "shaking" because it does jiggle like Jello but has more calories since it is made with a lot of nipa sugar and carabao milk topped with *latik* or sweet curdled coconut milk), *leche flan*, *jale ube*, and *tocino del cielo* (called by children *mini-leche flan*, which it is except that each bite-size piece contains one whole egg yolk), *pastillas*, *turon de casuy*, sans rival (from the French "without rival" because it is a deadly combination of wafer and butter topped with chopped cashew nuts), *silvanas*, and the commercially bought cakes, pies, and breads. All these goodies make the dessert table and Christmas memorable for children.

In the first volume of "Remembrance of Things Past," Marcel Proust begins a narrative triggered by the taste of Madeleine on the tip of his tongue. It's a kilometer novel about a man eating cake. Our writers have gone to libraries and the world in search of material for the great Philippine novel after those written by Jose Rizal over a century ago. But why go through so much trouble inventing a collective history or a worthwhile literature to find ourselves? There is so much waiting to be unearthed and written down—a lot, literally, on the tip of our tongues.

Comments are welcome at aacampo@ateneo.edu

Special treatment for abusive media?

MY heart goes out to the four cops who were placed on floating status after an encounter with a television crew late last month.

Reports say the cops apprehended an ABS-CBN cameraman for drunken driving along Katipunan Avenue at around 2:30 a.m. During the interrogation, he admitted to his violation.

Then came the rescue. Reporter Doland Castro went to the station and insisted on taking a video footage of his colleague

who was inside the detention cell. The cops refused and so a heated exchange ensued.

Minutes later, the reporter was crying harassment. The policemen claimed Castro was trying to settle the case. In street parlance, "in-aareglo."

End of story? Not for the reporter. He had to seek audience with no less than the chief of the Philippine National Police, Gen. Edgardo Aglipay. And with cameras around the PNP chief, he an-

nounced the immediate retraining of Insp. Eduardo Collantes, PO3s Arsenio David Jr., Antonio Turla and PO2 Marlon Samudio. What a way to appease the TV crew.

The moral of the story: Do not mess up with powerful media entities lest you find yourself at the receiving end of your superior's fury and the unforgiving, negative publicity.

—LOI R. LANDICHO,
3/F Jacinta Bldg. II, Edsa,
Guadalupe, Makati City

On road repairs this Christmas season

HERE'S an urgent appeal to the Department of Public Works and Highways-NCR people and the 17 mayors of Metro Manila:

If you have road repair projects between now and Dec. 31, 2004,

please have them deferred up to January 2005 so that you will not contribute to the usual traffic gridlock (especially in the roads leading to the shopping malls) that we "abnormally" experience during

the Christmas season.

And may I add: Please stop the practice of "repairing" those roads that do not need any repair at all.

—PAUL R. MORTEL,
Malanday, Marikina City

Why our facilities are overcrowded

ALTHOUGH I agree with some of Poch Suzara's claims (PDI, Letters, 11/16/04) that we are too poor, I disagree that the cause is overpopulation.

Most of our barrios in the rural areas have too few people. Overpopulation is only in the cities. The rural areas are underpopulated and the cities overpopulated because the rural people have very little livelihood opportunities there.

There is overcrowding in hospitals and schools (especially in public hospitals and schools) because the government builds very few of them. Maybe Suzara can see the reasons for this: most of government money is used to pay our foreign debt and line up the pockets of politicians, military officers and other bureaucrats.

Our buses and jeeps are overcrowded. Why is this so? Because public buses and jeeps can only ply their routes a few times. The reason? Well, even the ignorant knows. It is because of the traffic. And what causes the traffic prob-

lems? It is not overpopulation. It is because our city roads are jam-packed by cars (of the rich), which occupy most of the road spaces with only one or two passengers. Only two of 10- to 12-lane roads are reserved for public transport which carries about 95 percent of the population, while eight to 10 lanes are occupied by the 5 percent rich people in private cars.

If we reverse the ratio and give eight to 10 lanes to public transport, then the buses and jeeps can make many *byahes* (trips), so overcrowding in these vehicles will surely ease. This is a very simple solution but the government is weak to implement this because it does not want to incur the wrath of the rich.

And our slums are overcrowded, too. But the cause is not overpopulation. It is just that this unjust Philippine society has allocated nothing for the poor except a few socialized housing projects for government propaganda purposes. Foreigners and their local cohorts in business and in government have worked to-

gether to amass almost all the lands for themselves. So the poor, lacking the bravery to fight their oppression, just retreat to the riverbanks, along the *riles*, under the bridges.

The oppressors, aided by ignoramus who don't know the facts, then pontificate that the poor are so because they are too many.

I would like to give Suzara the benefit of the doubt. Let us say that poverty is really due to overpopulation. What is the solution? Contraceptives? Marcos did that in the martial law years. He was successful in reducing the average number of children per Filipino couple—from 6.8 to 3.2. That's more than 100 percent reduction. If the overpopulation logic is true, then it should have followed that poverty in the Philippines would have been reduced by more than 100 percent. But the reverse happened, poverty worsened.

—JONAH DIMAANO,
Pro-life Philippines,
RGS Compound,
1043 Aurora Blvd., QC

Is this Ombudsman's act all for show?

WHILE Ombudsman Simeon V. Marcelo is going all out after corrupt officials to recover a few million pesos, he has left unattended my complaint involving billions of pesos of taxes left unpaid by two corporations. I just hope my suspicion—that the investigators of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and their counterparts in the Office of the Ombudsman are in cahoots—is not true.

This case started in September 1996, when I denounced the non-payment of the correct amount of taxes for the sale of several hectares of land located at Libis, Quezon City.

I have sent several follow-up letters to both the BIR and the Ombudsman. I heard nothing from either of the two offices. My letters have literally fell on deaf ears until Sept. 8, 2003, when I received a letter from the BIR informing me about its own computation of the corporations' unpaid taxes. But after that, the case seems to have been forgotten again.

The government is cash-strapped, but what are the BIR and Ombudsman doing? I hope that Marcelo is not "*pakitang tao lang*" in his campaign to get rid of graft and corruption in the government.

—ALEXANDER AGUILA,
1103 West Tower Condominium,
South Superhighway, Makati City

'Sin' taxes revised for vested interests

WHETHER the P1-billion lobby fund allegedly used to bribe some congressmen into passing House Bill 3174 was true or not is beside the point.

The point is: the downgraded bill smacks of clear indiscretion. It continues to ignore the social control considerations behind "sin" taxes; it subordinates the state's dire need for new revenues in favor of vested interests; and it tends to pass on the ultimate burden to the public.

In many modern tax systems worldwide, cigarettes and liquors are generally subject to the heaviest of taxes. This is to discourage the use of these "social-bane" commodities while still fairly maintaining the viability of their manufacturers. But here in the Philippines, the tax on petroleum products—considered the life-blood of the economy because their prices dictate all other prices in the marketplace—has always been relatively heavier, and will continue to be so notwithstanding the House version of the new "sin tax" measure.

At best, our lawmakers have been content with passing an anti-smoking law, whose implementing rules and regulations, nonetheless, remain yet to be seen. The effective reduction by half of the tax on tobacco and alcohol is likely to force the Arroyo administration to come up with other measures in order to collect the "lost half" of the expected revenues. Indeed, an extra P2-tax on oil is now emerging. This will induce another round of oil price hikes apart from those dictated by the world market. One other imminent tax burden to the public is the plan to increase the value-added tax by 3 percent simply because—of all stupid reasons—the existing 10-percent VAT is not being efficiently collected. When shall we find wisdom in our tax system?

It is kind of reassuring that the senators appear relatively more discreet in vowing to pass a superior tax law on cigarettes and liquors. One hopes in earnest that that vow would not end up in vain; otherwise, it would be better for this country to shift to a unicameral form of government. For, what good would there be in having a legislature with two chambers if the imprudence of one could not be checked by the other?

—RUDY L. CORONEL,
10 Venus St., Golden Country Homes,
Alangilan, Batangas City

Erratum

In the Nov. 28 issue, the "Separate Opinion" column of Isagani Cruz on Page A14—"The travels of Mrs. Reyes"—misstated that Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes served as defense secretary during the term of ousted President Joseph Estrada. Reyes was the Armed Forces chief of staff during the Estrada administration and became the defense secretary during the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo.



The ultimate visual experience

Samsung has taken the lead with cutting-edge technology that will revolutionise the way you experience images. Samsung's new, advanced DNIe™ (Digital Natural Image engine) chip technology is so sophisticated it can recognise and optimise 3-D motion, enhance contrast, refine details and perfect colours. Discover how the power of enhanced chip technology delivers a truly ultimate visual experience from within.

Six-times Density Enhancer
vivid picture with high definition

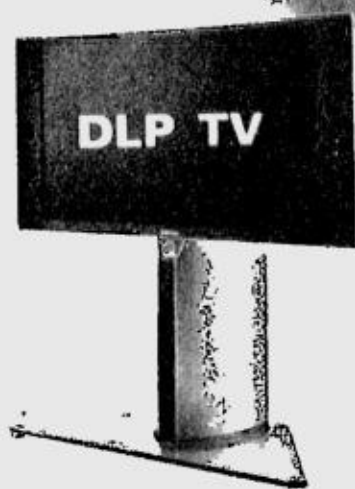
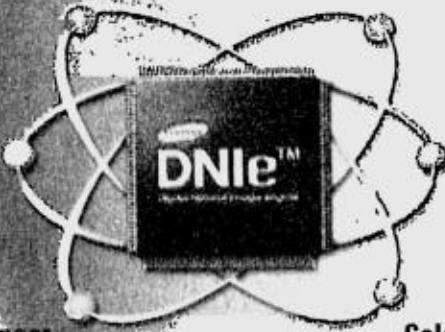
Image Optimiser
a touching innovation in picture

Contrast Enhancer
boosts light and shade

Motion Optimiser
eliminates noise

Detail Enhancer
sharpens the edges

Colour Optimiser
shows natural hues



SP-56L7H



CT-29A20



LS-40A23



PS-42D4

Samsung Electronics Philippines Corporation Ground Floor, Bonaventura Plaza, Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila
Tel. No. 722-7777 Loc. 264 • Fax No. 721-83-23 • For Customer Care Center, dial 1-800-10SAMSUNG (1-800-10-7287864)

www.samsung.ph

SAMSUNG

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-9971
E-mail: lnq_bagulo@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: lnq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.ph

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: lnq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Me-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: lnq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

Across the NATION

Text us your feedback: inquirer.atn.name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Kalinga journalist tortured, murdered

BAGUIO CITY—The body of a journalist working for a bi-monthly community paper in Tabuk, Kalinga, was found on Wednesday in a garbage bin of a school there, bearing torture marks in the head and body.

The face of Stephen Omais, 23, staff writer of the Guru Press, was almost skinned off. He was believed killed last Friday, the same day he was abducted by unidentified men.

His body, which was identified by his family only last Wednesday, bore torture marks, was de-

faced and unidentifiable, and was starting to bloat when found.

The National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) Baguio-Benguet chapter condemned Omais' murder, which it said was an attack against press freedom and the people's right to information.

"We join our colleagues in urging the Philippine National Police and concerned agencies in the area to conduct an impartial investigation for the immediate disposal of justice for the death of Omais," Arthur Allad-iw, NUJP Baguio-Benguet secretary general, said.

Omais was the 12th journalist killed this year and the 61st since 1972, according to the NUJP.

Dr. Estefania Kollin, Guru Press editor, said Omais joined the pa-

per five months ago.

Kollin said she last saw Omais two weeks ago when he was hot on the trail of a P9-million public works project in Pinukpuk, Kalinga.

"We even tried not to use the word 'ghost' to describe the project but it was the people who insinuated it. We have other stories for which we also got death threats. We are very afraid right now," a Guru Press staff member told the INQUIRER.

Another staff member said the

paper had been receiving death threats for the public works project story. He said Omais was probably targeted because he was the most "vulnerable." He did not elaborate.

A member of the Bago tribe in Kalinga, Omais family moved to Mt. Province before establishing residence in Tabuk.

Kalinga is beset by inter-tribal wars resulting in vendetta killings. The Bago tribe, although strong in Benguet and Ilocos, is

relatively small.

In a statement, the NUJP said the young reporter was murdered in connection with his reportage on local drug syndicates. Omais also wrote stories about tribal wars in Kalinga.

The NUJP had been told by local residents that Omais had been receiving death threats prior to the murder. **Frank Cimatu and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau and Christian Esguerra in Manila**

Igorots look back at world fair as culture reshaping

BAGUIO CITY—A hundred years ago on Dec. 1, stagehands closed the gates to one of the richest spectacles in 20th century history, allowing its Filipino performers to sail home burdened with a world view that might have unwittingly reshaped the culture of indigenous Filipino communities.

Scholars are now looking at indigenous peoples' artifacts and icons, whose cultural purity may have been tainted by the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, better known as the St. Louis World's Fair, or by the science and politics of the period.

The fair recruited 1,100 indigenous Filipinos to showcase their society to thousands of Americans, who were curious about their new colonial acquisitions.

America acquired the Philippines from Spain after the Spanish-American war in 1898, along with Cuba, Puerto Rico and other Spanish-controlled Pacific islands.

Among the fair's recruits were 225 Igorots, who had been labeled as contemporary history's first overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) because many stayed behind after touring the American midwest as hired performers.

Antonio Buangan, a San Francisco, California archivist and heir to one of the fair's Suyoc Igorot performers, told a forum at the University of the Philippines Baguio about De-

meyna, a Suyoc lady, who sailed home to her village in "Cuban-heeled shoes" and a Texan hat.

But Patricia Afable, a scholar of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., suggested an exploration of stereotypical Igorot icons like the colors of hand-woven G-strings.

She said theories about cultural changes after the 1904 World's Fair could be more than skin-deep.

Tourists recognize these costume items today as traditionally Igorot, but experts recognize their Western antecedents that date back to the period of the fair.

"Synthetic dyes that replaced organic dyes brought new color schemes to the Cordillera... and came into popular use only in the late 1900s. One of their first uses, for example, were in the production in the girl's school of a constabulary uniform," said Afable, who is Ibaloi.

"In Benguet, the women who taught weaving in Easter School, which was founded in 1906 in Kabayan town, were Ilocanos... Clothing became costumes in the discourse of what emblematic objects are in our cultural identity," she added.

The indigenous Filipinos were recruited by Americans Charles Pettit and Truman Hunt, with the help of Igorots like Antero, who helped American Rev. Clayton Clapp draw up the first Bontoc-English dictionary.

Slain fotog's widow appeals for help from Gloria

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The widow of the slain photographer in Cebu City asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to help her family get justice for the killing of her husband Allan Dizon.

Amelina Dizon, 31, asked the President's daughter Luli Arroyo to bring her appeal to the President so that the perpetrators could be arrested and prosecuted.

Luli visited the wake of Dizon at the San Fernando Funeral Homes here and extended financial assistance to Dizon's family.

"I appeal for the intervention of the President by ordering Philippine National Police chief Edgardo Aglipay to fast track the investigation so that my husband would be the last victim," Amelina said.

Luli told reporters here that she was instructed by her mother to extend their condolences to the bereaved family of Dizon.

Luli said the President also wanted her to assess the needs of Dizon's family and see what they could do to help.

The President's daughter gave a P10,000 check to Amelina, but she

clarified that the money was her personal help to the family of Dizon.

Luli also urged the police to speed up the investigation of the case, saying she personally knew

Dizon because the latter always covered her visits here in Cebu.

The President's daughter, who was accompanied by Cebu City Councilor Sylvan Jakosalem, stayed for almost an hour at the

wake of Dizon.

Amelina for her part said she told the President's daughter that she would need money to have Dizon buried at the Queen City Memorial Garden, Cebu's first memorial park.

electronics depot's EVERY DAY LOW PRICES!

MARANTZ SR 4400
6 ch (80w per ch), 96kHz/24bit DACs, auto surround mode detection, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES, Neo: 6, Circle Surround 6.1, Multi-Ch stereo, 6.1 Pre-Out
P13,995 only

YAMAHA RX-V 750
7 ch (110w per ch), Digital 7ch APT and high current amplification, 180Watt/2ch DACs, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES, Neo: 6, Circle Surround 6.1, Multi-Ch stereo, 6.1 Pre-Out
P13,995 only

YAMAHA RX-V 550
6 ch (130w per ch), Digital 7ch APT and high current amplification, 180Watt/2ch DACs, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES, Neo: 6, Circle Surround 6.1, Multi-Ch stereo, 6.1 Pre-Out
P13,995 only

YAMAHA RX-V 450
6 ch (110w per ch), Digital 7ch APT and high current amplification, 180Watt/2ch DACs, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES, Neo: 6, Circle Surround 6.1, Multi-Ch stereo, 6.1 Pre-Out
P13,995 only

YAMAHA RX-V 350
5 ch (110w per ch), Digital 7ch APT and high current amplification, 180Watt/2ch DACs, Dolby Pro Logic II, Dolby Digital EX, DTS-ES, Neo: 6, Circle Surround 6.1, Multi-Ch stereo, 6.1 Pre-Out
P13,995 only

BEHRINGER MD 16
compact 2 way stereo system designed for home studio but for the price of a pc monitor, ideal for classroom, mini disc or mp3 players
P 5,550 only

BEHRINGER HPS3000, HPS6000, HPS10000
high performance studio headphones with superb frequency response meeting the high demands of professional studio users to the serious listening habits of everyday consumers you are sure to get ultra wide frequency response, high definition bass and super transparent highs.
as low as P1,450 only!

BEHRINGER BLUE DEVIL GX112
virtually guitar control with digital effects combines the tonal qualities of legendary amps with revolutionary flexibility of tone and 10 options including MIDI, plus 24 bit stereo digital effects and 60 watt stereo amp, separate volume and effects settings, Channel select FX bypass footswitch included.
P4,690 only!

BEHRINGER UB 802
6 balanced high impedance line inputs, 1 pair input FX send per channel for external FX devices, 1 stereo aux return for FX applications, 3 band EQ and 2 mono/mic preamps
P4,690 only!

PRICES TOO LOW TO PRINT!

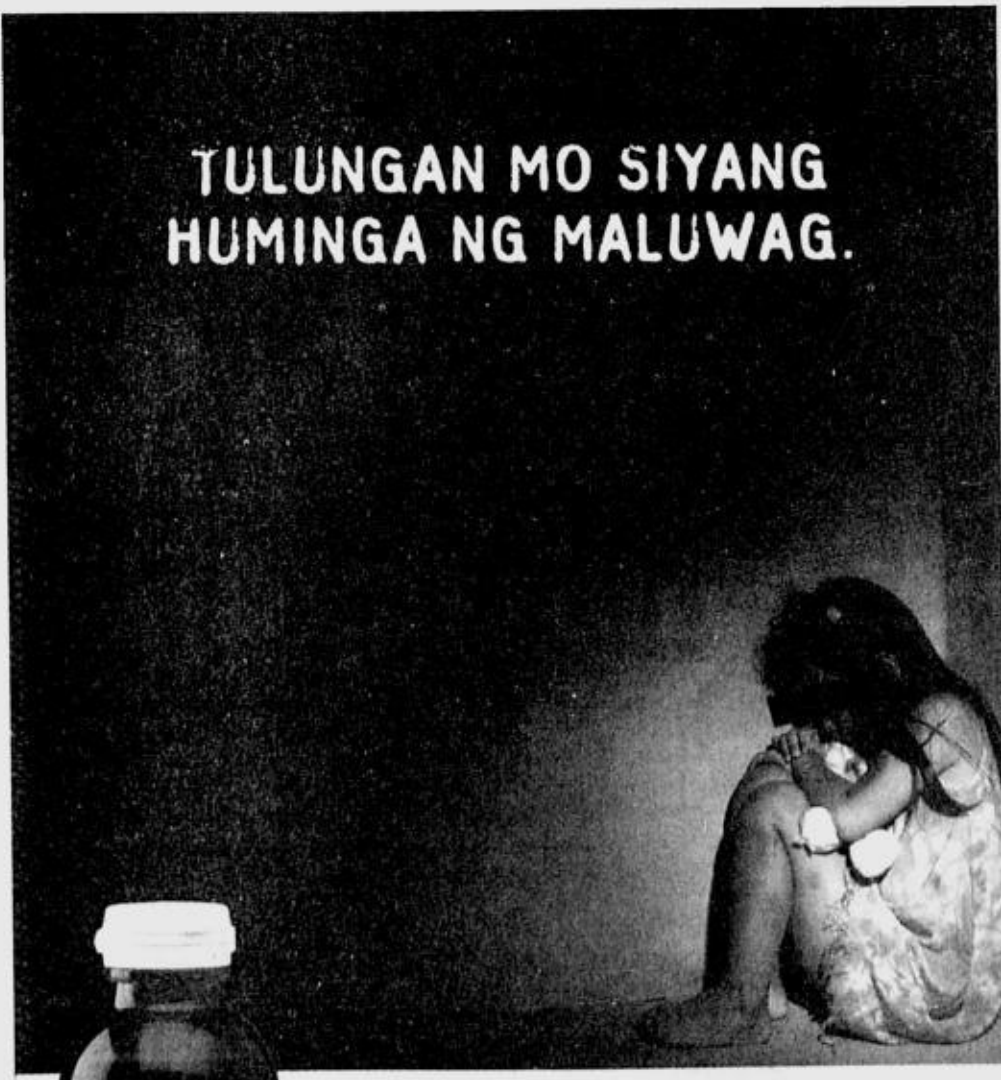
CALL US FOR COMPLETE PRODUCT LIST AND ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THIS AD.

6345854
3020410
7760895
9960307

AVAIL OF OUR 12MONTHS/0% INTEREST PLAN ASLO!

YAMAHA marantz JUST LISTEN.

TULUNGAN MO SIYANG HUMINGA NG MALUWAG.



Sa baw't pagbili niyo ng **ASCOF SYRUP**, may PISOng pupunta sa Bantay Bata 163. Ito'y isang organisasyon na tumutulong sumagip sa mga batang inabuso.

ASCOF SYRUP ang natural, mabisa, at masarap na gamot panlaban sa ubo. Ito'y ikagiginhawa na ng inyong anak, ikagiginhawa pa ng mga batang inabuso.

Available in all **mercury drug** branches, leading drugstores, and Health Express outlets nationwide. Manufactured by **Pascual Laboratories Inc.** For inquiries, call Altered hotline 411-8907.

Always follow recommended dose. If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

BANTAY BATA 163

Marketed by **ALTERED CORPORATION**

San Beda College

Mendiola, Manila

Announces the opening of
EXTENSION COURSES

in

**San Beda College
ALABANG CAMPUS**

Starting June 2005

A. COLLEGE OF LAW

- * Open only to incoming first year students
- * For inquiries please contact:
Tel. no.: (02) 842.35.11

B. GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

1. Master of Business Administration
2. Master in Entrepreneurial Management
3. Master of Business Administration

- * Trimester, Saturday classes only
- * For inquiries please contact:
Tel. no.: (02) 809.17.82

"That in all things God may be glorified."

Solon urges total log ban in ARMM

COTABATO CITY—A Mindanao congressman, wary about the massive loss of lives and destruction to property in Luzon as a result of typhoon-spawned landslide and flash floods, urged a stricter government policy on selective logging, blamed by many for the tragedy.

"God forbid, we don't want this tragedy to happen to us in Mindanao," said House Deputy Speaker for Mindanao Gerry Salapudin.

Several provinces, mostly from Northern Luzon, suffered the brunt of nature's wrath with the death toll reaching 500 people and still rising.

The tragedy, said Salapudin, "is a lesson that we have to learn in Mindanao." Salapudin said there was a need "to review and study" the government's selective log ban which is graft-ridden.

Prior to the Luzon disaster, considered the worst calamity this year, Salapudin said he already felt the need to warn Environment Sec-

retary Michael Defensor and DENR officials in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao of the possibility of the disaster also happening in the ARMM.

He recommended a total log ban in the ARMM provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao for at least 10 years.

Because of the inaction, Salapudin said, some unscrupulous local government officials in the ARMM continue to support illegal logging in the guise of the selective log ban.

"That's why even the police and the military are helpless because local leaders themselves are involved," he said.

Such irregularity, he said, has extended into the agrarian reform department, citing the massive cutting of trees identified as DAR resettlement areas. *Charlie Señase and Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



END OF THE ROAD

REM ZAMORA/POI PHOTO

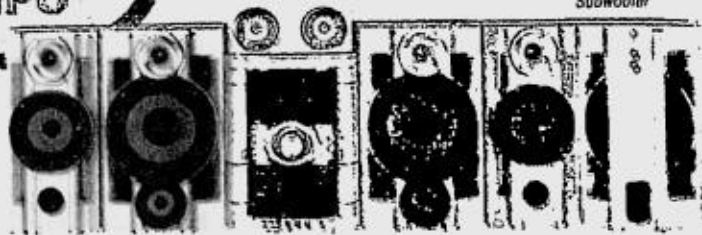
A sign on a highway in Gapan, Nueva Ecija says it all. Floods and landslides made roads to the province impassable, stranding thousands of commuters and isolating villages.

SONY

sony hi-fi
powered for clarity

Sony DVD Hi-Fi Components

10,000W
PMPO

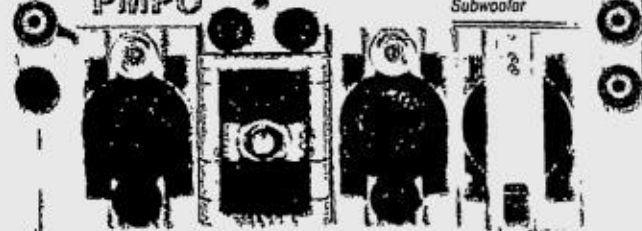


MHC-GN100D

- 10,000W P.M.P.O. with optional Subwoofer (SA-GN10)
- Advanced Horn Tweeter for Optimum Treble
- 20 cm Built-in Sub Woofer for Deeper Bass

*Optional Subwoofer

5,400W
PMPO



MHC-GN90D

- Flexible and Powerful Satellite Speakers
- Advanced Horn Tweeter for Optimum Treble
- 20 cm Built-in Sub Woofer for Deeper Bass

For excellent picture and sound quality.

DVD
VIDEO

2,200W
PMPO



MHC-RV777

- 3-Disc Changer for DVD, VCD, CD Player
- Game Sync Mixing for Personalize Game Music
- Variable Attenuation Control System (VACS) for NO Music Distortion at Maximum Volume Level

3,500W
PMPO



MHC-RV888D

- Compact & Dynamic Satellite Surround Speakers
- Sound Broad System for extra pressure surround sound
- Variable Attenuation Control System (VACS)
- Dolby ProLogic Surround

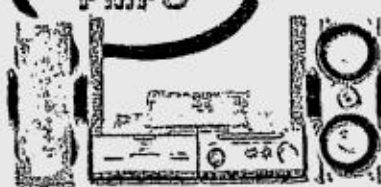
4,800W
PMPO



MHC-RV999D

- Complete Home Theatre System
- DTS 5.1 Surround
- Supplied Active Subwoofer for Extra Bass Sound
- V-Groove & Groove for In Concert Experience

4,400W
PMPO



MHC-WZ80D

- 2-Box System with Sleek Design
- Color Selectable Mirror Display
- Digital Cinema Sound for any kind of Movie
- Dolby Pro Logic II

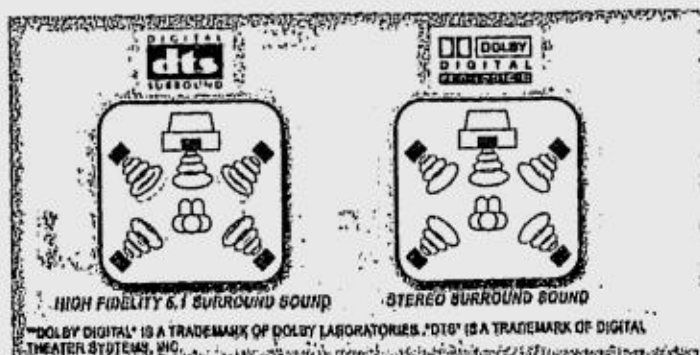
Fast forward to the future of digital entertainment & relive the excitement of the movies with Sony's DVD Hi-Fi components. Films will come alive enhanced by sharper images, cutting-edge technology & outstanding audio quality.



*Satellite Speaker
Stands sold separately.
MODEL: WS-FV100SC

POWERED

CLARITY



Exclusively distributed by Sony Philippines Inc. • 28th Flr Tower 1, 6788 The Enterprise Center, Ayala Avenue cor. Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, 1226 PHILIPPINES
For product inquiries, contact our Customer Information Center at Tel no. 8(32) 878-7600 or email at info.sph@ap.sony.com. Visit us at www.sony.com.ph

Negros gov says funds released to stop cholera

BACOLOD CITY—Negros Occidental Gov. Joseph Marañon yesterday said the provincial government has released funds for medicines needed to treat patients suffering from cholera and has directed all local governments in the province to adopt measures to stem the spread of the disease.

The province also assigned a medical technologist at the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital in Bacolod City to assist in the free laboratory examination of indigent patients, he said.

Dr. Jessie Glen Alonsabe, regional epidemiologist of the Department of Health, on Tuesday tagged Bacolod City as a hot spot for cholera and declared a cholera alert situation in Negros Occidental.

Alonsabe said the declaration was based on investigation that showed 27 confirmed cases of cholera in Bacolod City and four cases in Negros Occidental, with two deaths.

Marañon yesterday said the provincial government released P195,750 for the purchase of dextrose, medicines, reagents and supplies. These will be given to different hospitals and local government units to be used for suspected cholera cases, he said.

Marañon said the province would be releasing more funds for medicines as the need for them arises.

Dr. Luisa Efrén, the provincial health officer, said they have also asked all city and municipal officials in the province to examine all possible sources of drinking water and pipes, especially in areas where there were a noted increase in cholera cases.

She also asked people to disinfect water sources and strictly monitor ambulant and semi-permanent vendors.

Bacolod Mayor Evelio Leonardia, for his part, said the warning from DOH was timely as it would allow the city government to intensify its campaign against the disease and prevent an outbreak. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

DPWH rescinds P142-M road deal

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Works and Highways stripped a contractor in Antique of a project that was awarded to it for severe delays in the project implementation.

In a statement, Public Works Secretary Florante Soriñez said he has denied the motion for reconsideration sought by O.R. Sarmiento Construction on his decision to rescind the contract for the P142.81 million San Jose-Patmongon Road.

The contract was rescinded after the Sept. 26, 2004 target completion date was not met. At that time, the accomplishment rate of the project was only 38.54 percent.

"We cannot afford to continue to compromise the well-being of the public. The department has high expectations when it comes to completion of projects and we will be forced to acquire the services of another contractor since O.R. Sarmiento has proven to be incapable of finishing this project," Soriñez said.

The DPWH offered the remaining work to China Road and Bridges Corp., which is the second lowest bidder of the project and is expected to reply within the week.

Soriñez cited the separate assessment made by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which concluded that O.R. Sarmiento can not finish the project even if the deadline was extended.

"Lending institutions, which provide ample funding for projects, have no tolerance for poor performance and neither do we," the public works secretary said.

The DPWH has kept a close watch over O.R. Sarmiento after Sen. Ramon Revilla Jr., chair of the Senate public works committee, brought to Soriñez's attention a subcontract given by the firm to another firm for the Don Galo-La Huerta Bridge rehabilitation project without approval of the DPWH.

Subcontracting is allowed only up to 50 percent of the total project and with prior clearance from the DPWH.

Laguna execs feud over P1.2M in medicine sale

CALAMBA CITY—A ranking official of the Laguna provincial government found himself in hot water after the provincial treasurer uncovered "unauthorized orders for advance deliveries" of medicines and medical supplies amounting to over P1.2 million.

According to documents obtained by the INQUIRER, provincial treasurer Manuel Leycano Jr. accused Valentin Guidote Jr., the provincial planning and development coordinator, of entering into transactions without consulting the treasurer's office and other departments.

He said Guidote's action was a "total disregard of the existing rules and regulations as well as the procurement process involved."

In his letter to Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro dated Nov. 19, Leycano said as head of the planning and development department, Guidote is not authorized to enter into business transactions with any supplier and issue orders for advance deliveries.

"The sweeping allegations of Mr. Guidote... that all his actions... are upon instructions and with prior approval by your good office is untenable and would surely put us in deep financial trouble," he said in his letter to Lazaro.

Leycano said he discovered the alleged irregularities after four sales invoices from Careline, a medical supplies company, were given to his office for inspection.

He said that upon examining the purchase requests, he found that two of the four sales invoices did not have the signatures of requi-

sitioning officers, pursuant to the Local Government Code.

He said all four transactions did not have any certification of fund availability from his office, which was a direct violation of the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines.

The invoices were used to acquire medicines and medical supplies for the Laguna Provincial Hospital and Jose P. Rizal Memorial Hospital.

The documents showed that the purchases were made from Oct. 26 to Nov. 17 this year.

When reached through his mobile phone for comment, Guidote denied Leycano's allegations saying all his transactions were authorized by provincial administrator Dennis Lazaro.

He said Leycano "was just making an issue out of nothing."

"This has been blown out of proportion. The issue should have been contained within the department concerned. But he never issued a copy of his letter to my office or even the administrator's office," he told the INQUIRER.

Guidote said Lazaro, as head of the Bids and Awards Committee, ordered him to make the purchase requests when the latter was still in the United States.

"If we waited for Mr. Lazaro to arrive, it would take at least one and a half months to get what we needed," he said.

But when asked if he got an authorization letter, Guidote replied: "I just asked him thru text message. He then authorized me to issue the purchase order thru text message." *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Davao plans feast for poor for 1 month

DAVAO CITY—After all the belt-tightening and cost-cutting moves during the past months, the city government will spend everything it has saved to feed the poor and the hungry in a Yuletide evening eating binge that would last almost a month.

"Walang magugutom sa pasko (No Davaoño should go hungry this Christmas)," Patricia Ruivivar, the mayor's chief of staff, quoted Mayor Rodrigo Duterte as saying.

"And I'm not talking here of just an ordinary 'lugaw' fare. It's more than that," Ruivivar said.

Earlier, city tourism head Id Acaylar said the menu will consist of regular dishes from the local Halypin Restaurant here.

"We target as many as 20,000 people a day," Ruivivar added. The feeding program, which will open at 4 p.m. at the Rizal Park and last until the day's supply lasts, would try to prove there is more to the "bad boy, tough guy" image of the mayor and show that the city is committed to serving its people, according to Ruivivar.

She said the city government will use every centavo of its savings from the austerity measure this year to feed the poor.

Aside from the feeding station at the Rizal Park, the city will also put up mobile ones to reach the far flung districts of Paquibato and Marilog. *Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Taking holistic education to a global level. Making a difference for the country and the world.

The need for quality education has never been more urgent than it is today. And we may well ask: are today's students well equipped to hurdle the challenges of the information age—and the increasingly tumultuous times? Now is the time for national transformation through holistic education—and to take it to a global level.

Thus, the Institución Teresiana de Educación y Cultura, Inc. or ITEC, which runs POVEDA LEARNING CENTRE (PLC), one of the country's premier institutions for basic education, has seen it fit to offer a unique college education. For nearly 50 years, PLC has combined excellent academics and strong spiritual formation to become the bastion of holistic education.

"Give me a teacher with a vocation and I shall give you back a school, a method and a pedagogy."

St. Pedro Poveda
Founder of the Teresian Association



Institución Teresiana de Educación y Cultura, Inc. (Owner-Proprietor of POVEDA LEARNING CENTRE) unveils its new Collegiate Programs in Education and Management

Holistic Education

Committed to the vision of education for social transformation, ITEC, through PLC and now its undergraduate programs, strives to develop the best minds with hearts grounded on Christian faith and values.

Personalized Education

ITEC employs Personalized Education in all its levels. An open system that allows students to be the best they can be, at their own pace, this enables a student-focused, hands-on training that also fosters great interaction with teachers and among students.

Academic Programs (2005-2006): A World of Difference

Backed by a solid—almost half-century—track record in quality basic education, ITEC brings its holistic college courses to a global level. Its innovative curricula not only provide exceptional academic preparation for a career in teaching or management, but also an education on how to make a difference in this world.

ITEC's undergraduate programs will make use of Whole Brain Literacy and Systems Thinking—a first in the country. The Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED Major in Math/English) and Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED, concentrating in areas such as Math/English/Early Childhood Education) programs, which seek to help meet the burgeoning demands for quality teachers here and abroad, also offer a plus feature: exposure to the classroom setting on the very first day of school.

In response to the urgent and worldwide need for managers and leaders with high integrity and credibility, ITEC has fashioned its Bachelor of Science in Business Administration course Majoring in Management (BSBA) to focus on organization and management as human social systems.

Unparalleled Location

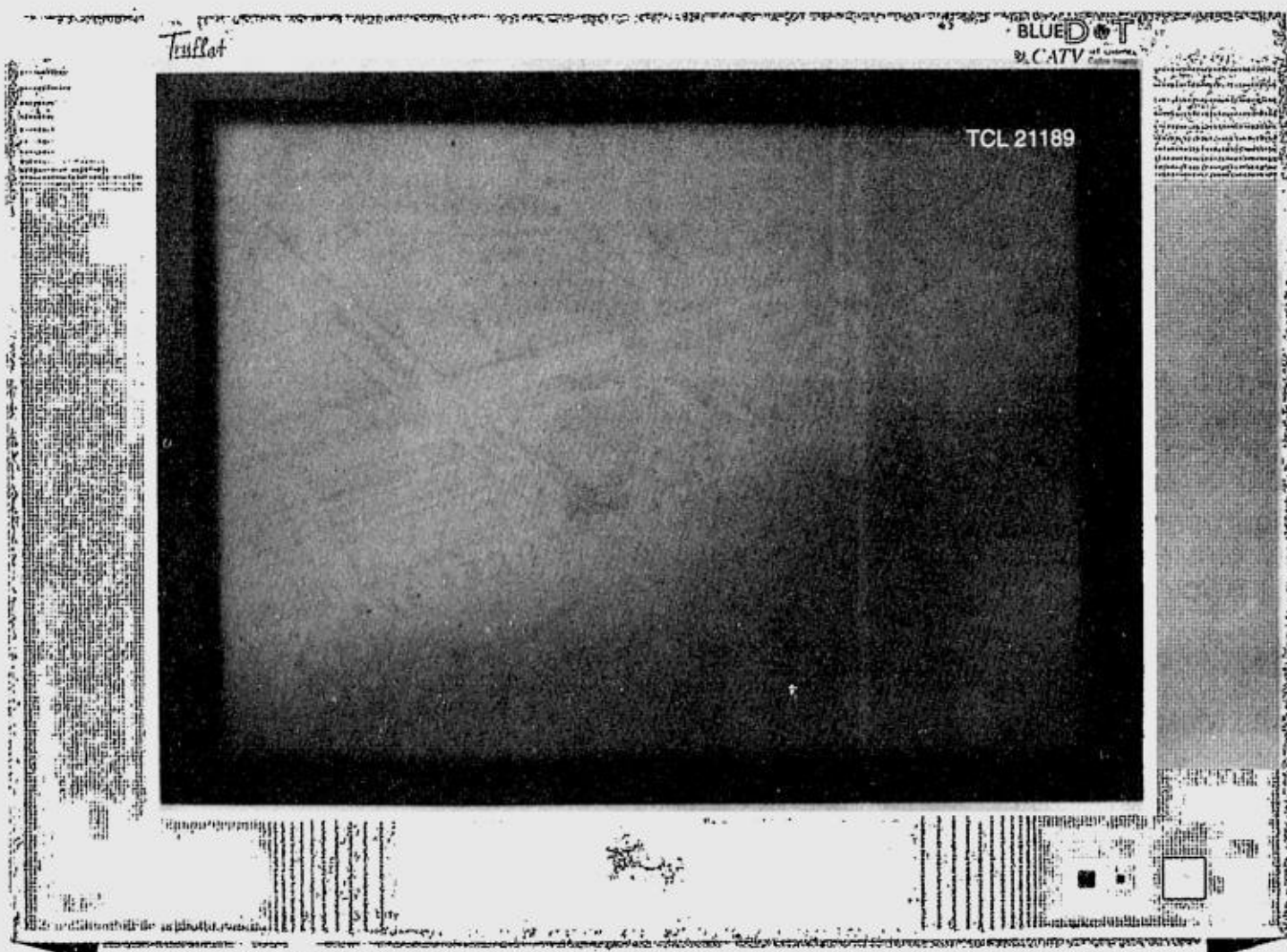
ITEC's new college level is located at the same PLC campus along EDSA in the heart of the Ortigas business district. Public transportation, dining, shopping and recreation are all within easy reach. The 2.6-hectare sprawling campus is a serene and self-contained community with ample greenery. The limited but choice programs ensure comfort, great interaction, familiarity and a close-knit atmosphere.

With responsive educational institutions like ITEC's Poveda Learning Centre and its new College level, the country's social transformation is not far-fetched. And in time, we shall take our rightful place in the global economy. Now is the right moment. Now is the critical time. And now is the precise moment to start making that difference.

For further information, please call
Institución Teresiana de Educación y Cultura, Inc.
(Owner-Proprietor of POVEDA LEARNING CENTRE)
EDSA Corner P. Poveda Street, Quezon City
Tel Nos: 635-2698 • 631-8756 to 58 Fax: 635-2696
email: efp@newgen.net.ph
or visit website at www.plc.edu.ph



Reality TV.



You know that this TCL Truflat with color temperature control and S-video input can give you film-like realism.

You know that its full stereo surround, graphic equalizer and noise-reduction system can deliver true-to-life audio.

What you don't know is that despite the present economic crisis, this 21st century TV built with the highest quality remains well within your reach. That's because unlike the competition, TCL understands the realities of life.

Being the only electronics company that works hard to combine all the world's best technologies at a minimal cost, TCL makes your dream TV a reality.

Thanks to the unique "Hybrid Technology", conceived by the young engineers and visionaries at TCL. The world's biggest TV manufacturer today.

TCL

Technology that Conquers Limitations

Bigger & Better Walmart Supermarket Now Open in Makati

Bigger! Better!
Walmart
Supermarket 

"Your family deserves our best!"



Located at the heart of Makati City at the corner of Pasong Tamo (Chino Roces Avenue) and Pasay Road (Arnaiz Avenue), is a bigger and better Walmart Makati Community Mall which opens its doors to customers in time for the holidays.

Walmart has always put customers at the core of their business. The old Walmart Makati was serving a loyal customer base for 11 years when management deemed it was time to upgrade the total store to serve its customers better. The anchor of the new center will be Walmart Supermarket which is the flagship store of the progressive chain.

Going to the new Walmart Supermarket in Makati has also never been easier! There are vehicular and pedestrian access routes from both the Pasong Tamo (Chino Roces Avenue) and Pasay Road (Arnaiz Avenue) sides, and over 300 available parking spaces in the basement and ground floors. Within the new Walmart Makati Community Mall, there are all floor elevators and escalators as well as walkalators from the lower ground floor parking to the 2nd level designed specifically to allow Supermarket Shoppers utmost ease and convenience in transporting their groceries to their cars.

Their renewed customer service emphasis is clearly embodied by their current slogan: "Your family deserves our best". "In providing total value shopping, we at Walmart Supermarket always strive to give our best not only in terms of product assortment and shopping convenience, but in terms of overall customer service as well. So come and visit us and experience the difference by shopping at Walmart!"

Established in 1992, Walmart Supermarket currently has 14 branches in Metro Manila, North Luzon, and South Luzon. Through formidable alliances with their partner suppliers, Walmart Supermarket is committed to best serve the needs of the Filipino family.


**Now Open in
Pasong Tamo, Makati!**

Come on in and shop with us again! We're now open with bigger space and with all the items you need to complete your home. Still with the efficient and friendly service you love.

Welcome back to an improved supermarket experience.

Welcome back to Walter Mart Pasong Tamo Makati!


Congratulations from:

 **GOMTECH** Computer Graphics & Design
Serving the needs of the business and the community.


 **ULTRALITE**
ELECTRICAL CO., INC.

 **ULTRALITE**
ELECTRICAL CO., INC.

 **PACIFIC**
Real Estate & Development

 **BERMON**
Marketing & Communications

 **Linde**

 **Royalink Builders, Inc.**
Construction

Cooled by:

 **Carrier**

 **ASVA DESIGN**

PARTNER
ARCHITECT CONSULTANT
83 MARIAS AVE. 12
ALBERT S. YU & ASSOCIATES

 **UNITED**

 **UNITED**

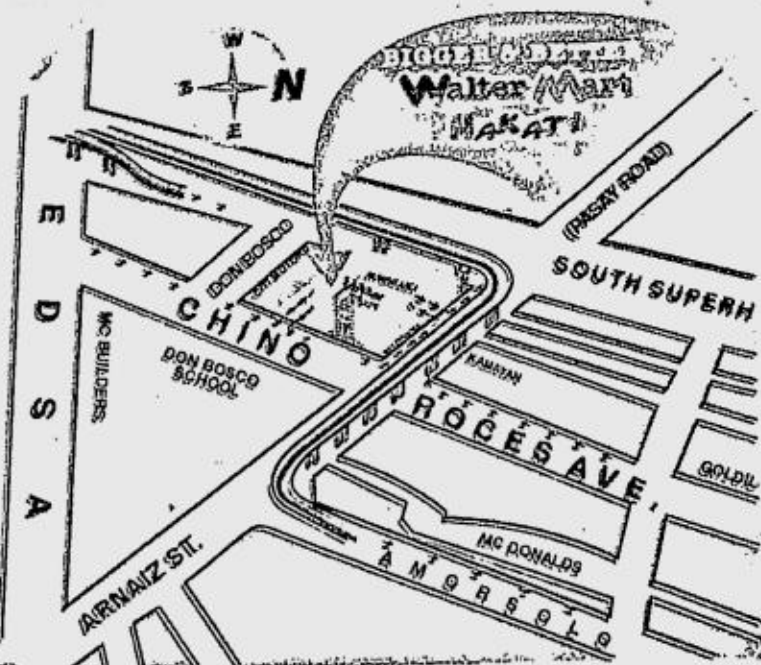
 **DHL**
Leatre

 **DHL**
Leatre

 **SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION**
CENTRALIZED KEY ACCOUNTS GROUP

 **San Mig**
Cafe

 **LudysChin**



NPA blamed for logging, landslides

From page A1

pus) the principal executive to lay out and implement a special operational plan—with the full support of the Armed Forces as I have just instructed (AFP Chief of Staff) Gen. (Efren) Abu to do—to stop the illegal logging activities, especially of the NPA and to take all their cohorts into account," the President said to the applause of the mayors.

Ms Arroyo earlier directed the AFP and the Philippine National Police to crack down on illegal loggers, whom she blamed for the landslides and flash floods that killed hundreds of people in Quezon, Aurora and Nueva Ecija.

"The insurgents should not be allowed to plunder our forests to raise funds to undermine our democracy. This is a matter of ecological balance as well as national security," Ms Arroyo said in her speech before the LMP, the association of the country's 1,495 municipal mayors.

His appointment as NRDC chair would be the latest twist to the colorful and controversial career of Corpus, who as a Philippine Military Academy instructor defected to the NPA in the late 1960s and became one of its top commanders.

He was captured in the mid-1970s during the Marcos regime but was released from detention by then President Corason Aquino in 1986.

He rejoined the military and became an ally of Ms Arroyo after he joined other military officers in withdrawing support from then President Joseph Estrada in 2001.

Corpus, who retired from the service on

Oct. 3, was appointed president of Bukidnon Forest Inc., a subsidiary of the NRDC.

But Ms Arroyo yesterday said Corpus would also chair NRDC, a government corporation attached to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Palace sources said Corpus had asked for one month before assuming his new post.

P2 per board foot

In Lucena City, the chief of the military's Southern Luzon Command in Camp Nakar yesterday said Communist Party of the Philippines and NPA rebels operating in the Sierra Madre were receiving at least P2 per board foot of illegally cut trees from illegal loggers.

"The illegal loggers are also in the mountains. They (CPP and NPA rebels) are collecting money from illegal loggers, otherwise the illegal loggers could not have survived," Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, the head of Solcom, told the INQUIRER.

CPP spokesperson Gregorio "Ka Roger" Rosal scoffed at Cabuay's charges. "That's an old and rehearsed issue. There will be a proper time to answer that malicious allegation," Rosal said in a mobile phone interview.

The CPP spokesperson earlier said the NPA would help the displaced typhoon victims rebuild their homes and their lives.

But Cabuay accused the rebels of hypocrisy, saying they could have stopped illegal logging had they cared about the forests and the people's welfare.

In Manila, Lakas Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers said it would have been impossible for the log-

gers to operate in the Sierra Madre had the NPA refused to sanction their illegal operations.

"It is thus clear and as sure as the sun rises in the morning that the NPAs under Ka Roger are equally guilty of murdering the hundreds of people killed in the landslides," Barbers said.

"They cannot wash their hands of this case, which probably explains their deafening silence on the matter. They are quick to blame the government for the hardships of the people but cannot own up to the worse sins and deception they commit against the people. It shows you the kind of animals these criminals are," the congressman said.

Barbers said illegal loggers would not have been able to cut down trees and bring in heavy equipment into rebel-infested areas without the knowledge and consent of the NPA.

Complicity of gov't execs

The congressman, however, stressed he was not ruling out the complicity of corrupt government officials in illegal logging.

Barbers urged Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Mike Defensor to conduct an impartial investigation.

"Guilt lies somewhere. Answers are wanting. To allow this brutality to pass is like killing those people who lost their lives twice over. I do not want to sound like a broken record, but this has to stop now," he added.

With reports from Cynthia D. Balana in Manila, and Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

UK Prince Andrew arrives in RP to howling welcome

From page A1

ahead of "Yoyong," the most powerful typhoon to hit the country this year.

Prince Andrew, the second son and third child of Queen Elizabeth II, also known as the Duke of York, is in the country for a three-day official visit in his capacity as the UK's special representative for International Trade and Investment.



PRINCE ANDREW JOSEPH AGCAOLI

Under wraps

Apparently, his arrival was kept under wraps. Press officials at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and the Philippine Air Force said they were not informed about his arrival. They also did not receive any request for arrival honors for the prince. Not in the fairest of weather.

After his arrival, Prince Andrew was driven to the British ambassador's residence in North Forbes Park in Makati City.

At around 6:30 last night, the prince was set to lead the launching of the coffee-table book "The British Legacy to the Philippines: 425 Years of Philippine-British Relations."

The press was invited for a photo opportunity but not to the private reception that followed. The book's author, Bing Carrión-Buck, was to present the first copy of her work to the prince.

Call on GMA

During his visit, the duke is scheduled to call on President Macapagal-Arroyo, Trade Secretary Cesar Purisima and Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, among other government officials.

The visit aims to strengthen commercial and security relations between the UK and the Philippine governments.

"He's coming despite the in-

clement weather. We have not received any advisory that he was canceling his trip," Karen Jimenez, public affairs officer of the British Embassy in Manila, said in a phone interview earlier in the day.

She, however, declined to disclose details of his flight in deference to Malacañang, which arranged his visit.

3rd visit

This is the duke's third visit to Manila after his visits in December 1996 and May 2001, the embassy said.

"What's different about his visit is that he's coming here as a special representative for international trade and investment," Jimenez said.

The Duke of York was the first child to be born to a reigning British monarch in 103 years.

Named Albert Christian Edward, he was known as Prince Andrew until his marriage to Sarah Ferguson, when he was designated the Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killyleagh, according to the British Embassy.

The tumultuous marriage was a favorite tabloid fare until the couple divorced.

RP could be world's 5th mining power, says GMA

From page A1

But a group of scientists in Metro Manila as well as bishops and mayors in Samar said mining could result in more flash floods and environmental degradation.

"We are poised for a strong economic take-off never seen in the recent past," the President said in a speech before the Mayors' League at the Manila Hotel. "We should not be poor."

Ms Arroyo mentioned the country's ranking based on deposits of its precious metals—No. 3 in gold, No. 4 in copper, No. 5 in nickel and No. 6 in chromite deposits.

She got the numbers after an interaction with the prime ministers of mining countries—Canada and Australia—whose companies have been waiting for a favorable Supreme Court decision to pursue their exploration projects in the country.

"Our mining potential is ten times our annual gross national product. It can easily wipe out our foreign debts and yet leave more for future generations," the President said.

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) estimated the country's mineral deposits potential at P47 trillion, or 10 times the country's annual gross domestic product and 15 times the foreign debt.

Multiplier effect

NEDA said the country's mining sector had the potential of contributing P1.8 trillion annually to the country's economy because it has been opened to foreign investments. The P1.8 trillion is equivalent to 36 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

"Mining has a multiplier effect of six times. A policy decision to rebuild the mining industry would open its enormous economic potential," said NEDA Director General Romulo Neri.

Neri was referring to the decision of the Supreme Court made last Wednesday, which said the law liberalizing the country's mining industry was constitutional.

The high court decision reversed its earlier ruling that the law allowing foreign players in the local mining sector was unconstitutional.

The country's chief economist said the court decision would keep the country on track to meet its Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP). The plan calls for the country's mining sector to generate \$4 billion to \$6 billion in investments, \$5 billion to \$7 billion in annual foreign exchange, and at least 240,000 jobs in the next six years.

Rapid environmental degradation

The Samahan ng Nagtataguyod ng Agham at Teknolohiya para sa Sambayanan (Agham), however, does not share the optimism of Ms Arroyo and NEDA.

Agham said the Supreme Court and the Arroyo administration were ignoring the effects of mining on the environment and the people.

Dr. Giovanni Tapang, chair of the militant scientists' group, said foreign corporations had caused rapid environmental degradation in the country.

"The large-scale plunder of our natural resources result in areas that are susceptible to environmental imbalance," he said.

"Take the case of the flash floods in Quezon and Aurora due to the recent typhoons. It was large-scale logging that contributed largely to the instability of the soil there," Tapang said.

Calbayog Bishop Jose Palma said mining would degrade the forests and poison the rivers, leaving the towns vulnerable to disasters.

"We have seen the destruction wrought by

mining. We have seen Ormoc (Leyte). We fear an equal or worse disruption if mining is allowed," Palma said, recalling the flash floods in Ormoc that killed at least 2,000 people.

Another bishop, Most Rev. Angel Hobayan of Catarman, recalled how two rivers in Samar overflowed and submerged two towns for an entire week due to the degradation of the surrounding forests.

Largest bauxite deposit

Samar is known to have the country's largest deposits of bauxite, a base mineral for aluminum which is the third most in demand mineral in the world today, environmentalist Melchor Nacario said.

He revealed that there were 41 applications from mining firms to explore Samar, including municipalities that had been declared protected areas.

Local officials and religious leaders in Samar's 25 municipalities have questioned the permits given to two local firms to explore protected areas in the region last year.

"We feel that the government has sold the birthright of the people because the people have become poorer... Why should the foreign mining firms now benefit from what is ours?" Palma said.

"The people have suffered enough and have been left out in so many ways," he added.

Among the most popular municipalities for exploration are San Jorge, San Jose de Buan, Gandara, Matuginao, Paranas and Motiong. San Jose de Buan, which is often the target area of mining firms, is in the center of the island and is connected to two rivers that flow into other towns.

"If you destroy it, you contaminate the rivers and spread poison into the other towns, and the rivers are the people's main source of water," Nacario said.

Reason not good enough

San Jose de Buan is known for its huge bauxite deposits. The bauxite deposits can be retrieved only through open-pit mining, which requires a clearing of the forest.

San Jorge Mayor Joseph Grey said that even the employment opportunities being mentioned by the government were not a good enough reason to allow mining in the region. Grey said that most workers in the mines received only a P100 daily wage.

Local officials and bishops in the region are pushing for the passage of House Bill No. 2925, which seeks to create the Samar Island Natural Park and declare 333,000 hectares a protected area and another 125,400 hectares a buffer zone.

The bill had been filed at least twice but it had never gotten past the committee hearings.

Sound mining practices

In her speech, the President assured the public that mining should not be feared but embraced because it would "discourage the poor from ravaging just to survive and mitigate the deadliest disasters."

She said the government was committed to "fully enforce responsible and environmentally sound mining practices" to ensure the safety of workers and the preservation of natural resources.

"We are now in the 21st century and all these new mining technologies will certainly make our mining sustainable," said the President.

She noted that host communities would benefit from the entry of mining firms that would pay taxes and duties to the provincial government down to the barangay levels.

Mining is the only sector that could generate investments and dollar exports that would

enable the government to achieve an economic growth rate of at least 7 percent in the medium term, according to a foreign think tank associated with The Economist.

Now's the time

The Philippine Business Leaders Forum also noted that the high court reversal of its previous ruling limiting mining to Filipinos could not have come at a better time.

"Now is the time. Copper and gold prices are at the highest for several years and India and China are predicted to keep copper prices high through the next decade," the Forum said.

With a report from Norman Bordadora

ADVISORY

We, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND THE THOUSANDS OF AGRO-ENTREPRENEURS OF GOOD HARVEST ORCHARDS MARKETING CORPORATION are elated to underscore the fact that the ex-parte Cease and Desist Order (issued *motu proprio* and in spite of the absence of a single complainant to date.) issued earlier by the Securities and Exchange Commission, by mandate of law is now **AUTOMATICALLY LIFTED**, pursuant to Sec. 64.3 of the Securities Regulations Code which provides:

"Any person against whom a cease and desist order was issued may, within five (5) days from receipt of the order, file a formal request for a lifting thereof. Said request shall be set for hearing by the Commission not later than fifteen (15) days from its filing and THE RESOLUTION THEREOF SHALL BE MADE NOT LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE TERMINATION OF THE HEARING. IF THE COMMISSION FAILS TO RESOLVE THE REQUEST WITHIN THE TIME HEREIN PRESCRIBED, THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE LIFTED."

Truly, the business of GOOD HARVEST which involves the sale of its product - a mango tree coupled with appropriate orchard and farm services IS NOT a business in the form of securities. IT IS NOT a business which involves the sale of investment contracts.

IT IS, however, A MULTI-AWARDED BUSINESS which can, by way of its product's Destined End, **ELEVATE THE LIVES OF FILIPINOS AND ALLEVIATE POVERTY** by creating more Agro-Entrepreneurs, jobs, businesses and livelihood opportunities for our fellow Filipinos - knowing fully well that mango exports plays a vital role in our country's economy.

IT IS A BUSINESS WHICH PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT by reforesting hectares upon hectares of denuded forests with mango trees. For generations to come, these mango trees will help provide a better environment for the thriving communities around our orchards.

IT IS A BUSINESS WHICH ENRICHES THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION by focusing on the literacy of our marginalized children through our *Mangoes for Education Program*.

IT IS A BUSINESS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO OUR COUNTRY'S DOLLAR REVENUES through the exportation of our world renowned Philippine Super Mangoes.

The **AUTOMATIC LIFTING**, by virtue of Sec. 64.3 of the Securities Code, of the CDO levied against us will once again allow us to push forth with our noble ideals as a company and as socially responsible entrepreneurs. We have a lot of work ahead of us to realize the dream and aspirations we hold dear for our people and our country.



THE MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND THE THOUSANDS OF GOOD HARVEST AGRO-ENTREPRENEURS

"Let us not be weary in doing GOOD, for at the proper time, we will reap a bountiful HARVEST if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

2003 MOST INNOVATIVE BUSINESS VENTURE, NCQA 2003 BEST ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN, CLEAN AND GREEN 2003 BEST AGRO-ENTREPRENEUR BUSINESS PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS 2003 FAMILY CHOICE AWARDEE 2004 MODEL FARM AWARD, PABA 2004 BEST ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN, CLEAN AND GREEN 2004 BEST BUSINESS VENTURE (AGRICULTURAL), CONSUMER CHOICE AWARDS.

IUWISA INYONG MGA TAHANAN
KRIS AQUINO

Feng Shui

NOW AVAILABLE ON ORIGINAL VIDEO

Farmer buries dreams with first son

From page A1

les, a small wiry man who has been farming the Sierra Madre mountain range looming above Real for decades.

"It is God's will. I haven't seen anything quite like it before. We were lucky to be alive," he said, adding that his wife was being cared for by his other child, a 10-year-old girl, in a safe place farther up the highway.

Guava tree

Seles said he would return to recover his son's body when the weather clears. His only landmark for the grave is a small guava tree that had survived strong winds overnight.

More than 900 people were confirmed dead or missing after massive floods and landslides struck the Philippines this week, the military said yesterday.

An Army tally at a field operations center in Real listed 484 bodies recovered and 352 missing in the adjacent towns of Real, Infanta and General Nakar—the worst hit by storms that battered Luzon in recent days.

The Office of Civil Defense in Manila listed 48 people dead and 38 missing elsewhere, for a national total of 532 dead and 390 missing.

Blocked by boulders

As Seles grieved over his son, men and women were digging through mud where three people were believed to be buried.

Tractors and bulldozers were nearby, struggling to clear debris that had blocked the main highway to the center of town, where many more bodies were believed lying in a state of decomposition.

The mountain highway to Real

remained blocked by huge boulders that had been washed down by floods. In one section near Seles' home, half of the road had turned into an unstable cliff strewn with logs.

Water cascading from the slopes had transformed a brook into swollen rapids.

Soldiers and journalists struggling to reach the town center by road passed a small brick house perilously perched on a cliff.

But the family refused to leave. "We don't have anywhere else to go, anyway, and inside it's still warm," said the father, who refused to give his name, but offered everyone boiled cassava.

For the disaster, Seles blamed lumber companies that were operating illegally on the mountain.

"What I can say is that it is illegal. Please stop it. People are dying," he said.

But he was quick to defend slash-and-burn farmers: "We only farm to live and eat, not to destroy the mountain."

97 bodies

Volunteer rescue workers in the village of Tignoan, on Real's outskirts, said they had unearthed 97 bloated bodies so far from a beach house that was serving as an evacuation center and was buried by a mudslide on Monday.

More than 100 residents had sought refuge there to escape the rising floodwaters.

"We are digging with spades and our bare hands" because heavy equipment could not get through collapsed bridges and roads buried by landslides, said Mario Nanola, the team leader.

Nanola and a dozen members of the team temporarily pulled out early yesterday to fetch food for the others.

"There are no body bags available. The stench is unbearable," Nanola told AFP.

He said he had heard from survivors that more bodies were floating on the coast.

Cultural situation

Grieving survivors had been told to bury their dead swiftly to prevent possible disease outbreaks.

"As much as possible, the bodies should be buried as soon as possible," Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said in a TV address yesterday.

"But we're sensitive to the cultural situation and many do not want them buried until they can identify their loved ones. In that sense, we have sent lime, which can help as a preservative and

prevent the smell," he said.

Nevertheless, "because of the wide area of the damage," Dayrit said it was likely there would not be enough chemicals to go around, and therefore "local officials should call the shots depending on the situation as far as the burial of the bodies" was concerned.

Dayrit said his recommendations were part of "operations for preventive measures, particularly epidemic control," in the face of Typhoon "Yoyong."

Sick and hungry

"Food, lots of food and lots of medicine for the sick and the hungry" are what Real Mayor Arsenio Ramallosa said he would request President Macapagal-Arroyo to send the moment she sets foot in his devastated town.

"We no longer have food. My sick and hungry town mates, mostly children, are getting worse every minute. May President Arroyo help us before it's too late," he told the INQUIRER yesterday in a satellite phone interview.

When told that the President was scheduled to visit the area yesterday, Ramallosa said he was "ecstatic." He said he would immediately order a spot cleared on the school grounds as a landing spot for Ms Arroyo's helicopter.

Prioritize clearing of roads

He said the last time they received relief goods was on Nov. 30 and that the supply had been consumed since Dec. 1.

Ramallosa said the National Food Authority in Infanta had agreed to loan Real 500 sacks of rice.

"But the roads between our towns are still difficult to traverse. What I have received is only a part of the total number of sacks allotted to us," he said, adding:

"The government should give priority to the clearing of our roads for the speedy delivery of relief goods. There are still huge logs blocking the highway."

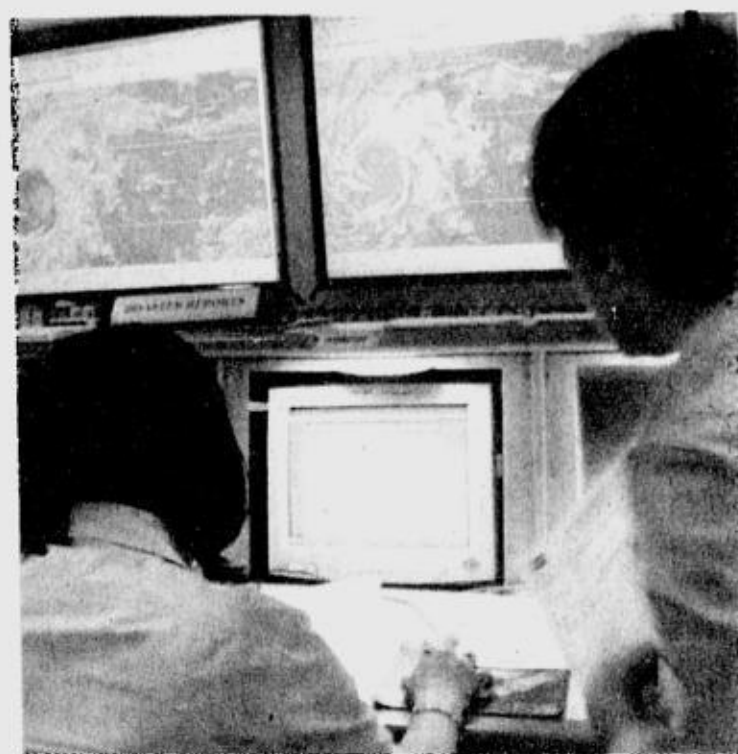
No more food to sell

In a radio interview, Real Councilor Beth Macasaet said almost all the stores in the town had no more food to sell.

"All their shelves are empty. They have offered all their food for free to their hungry town mates," Ramallosa said.

The mayor said they had yet to finish burying the 126 bodies in Real on Wednesday because it had grown dark.

He said they would continue burying their dead today. *Reports from Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; AFP*



THE NATIONAL Disaster Coordinating Agency is a beehive of activity as workers monitor weather satellite images to track the path of "Yoyong."

IN THE KNOW

Pagasa's public storm signals

No. 1: Occasional rains and winds of 30-60 kph and intermittent rains may be expected in at least 36 hours. Coastal waters will be moderate to rough. Vessels weighing 1,000 tons or below will not be allowed to depart or leave for places which are under Signal No. 1.

No. 2: Moderate to heavy rains and gusty winds greater than 60 kph and up to 100 kph in at least 24 hours. Rough seas and coastal waters are dangerous to small seacraft. Only vessels of 2,000 tons and above are allowed to leave port.

No. 3: Winds greater than 100 kph up to 185 kph may be expected in at least 18 hours. Coastal waters will be very rough and dangerous to all seacraft.

No. 4: The highest alert level for super typhoons, with very strong winds of more than 185 kph, may be expected in at least 12 hours. The area under storm Signal No. 4 is very likely to be hit directly by the eye of the storm and damage can be very heavy.

Based on procedures formulated by the DepEd, classes in public and private elementary schools are automatically suspended in areas where typhoon Signal No. 1 has been raised by the Pagasa.

When Signal No. 2 is declared, classes in both elementary and high school are suspended.

Typhoon Signals No. 3 and 4 automatically suspend classes in all levels.

SOURCES: PAGASA AND PDI ARCHIVES

AFP salutes barefoot . . .

From page A1

occupants before the rampaging waters of the Agus River could sweep them away.

Reyes said the team first recovered the children and quickly took them to the town's evacuation center for emergency treatment.

He said the team was able to find other residents with the help of their neighbors.

"Rescuing people in distress is part and parcel of soldiering. The job is nothing new to us," Reyes

said shyly.

He said he and his men had barely slept and managed to keep awake with the help of steaming native coffee and a few biscuits.

Snappy salute

Reyes executed a snappy salute to all the military officials who were temporarily camped in the proposed town hall under construction.

Then he headed back to his men, to prepare for more search-and-rescue operations in other villages.

GMA braves weather to be with victims in Quezon

From page A1

her security officials, citing the lack of lodging facilities, prevailed upon her to return to Malacañang.

Use of own helicopters

Ms Arroyo has ordered the use of her own helicopters to help in rescue and relief efforts for typhoon victims, the PAF said yesterday.

Ms Arroyo, who was accompanied by Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman, held a briefing with disaster officials to assess the situation and the local residents' preparedness, and to distribute goods.

Price monitoring

Earlier in the day, the President met with her economic managers in Malacañang to review the overall price and supply situations of basic commodities following the onslaughts of successive typhoons in the past few days—"Unding," "Violera," Winnie and Yoyong—in many areas of Luzon.

Ms Arroyo ordered the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture to step up their monitoring of retail prices to ensure that traders did not exploit the calamities to jack up prices of rice, vegetables, fish, poultry and meat.

In a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye appealed to people living in the projected path of Yoyong to "act to minimize, if not preclude, casualties."

Help for displaced

Bunye also asked for assistance to augment government resources to help the displaced

and severely affected.

All four helicopters of the presidential transport wing would be used in efforts to spot people who need rescuing and fly in relief goods, PAF spokesperson Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla said.

Presidential transport

One helicopter is already flying over the storm-hit town of Siniloan, "to probe and see if we can still conduct even on a limited scale, search and rescue and relief operations for our citizens there," he added.

The helicopter is "better-equipped with complete avionics on board," allowing it to fly in areas where other helicopters cannot operate, to find areas where aircraft might still be brought in, Padilla said.

Three other presidential helicopters are on standby for any emergency flights along with three military UH-1H choppers, he added.

Isolate towns

Padilla said military officials were still "evaluating our options for renewed air operations" amid worsening weather conditions as Yoyong was within hours of striking the same areas.

Some of the worst-hit towns have been isolated from vehicles by landslides and fallen bridges while rough waters have prevented most boats from reaching them.

Padilla said the Air Force might have to curtail its flights as the typhoon approaches.

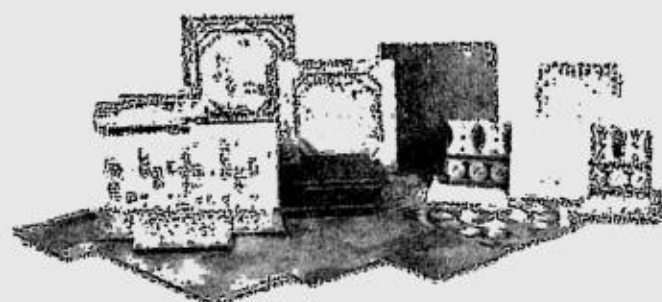
Ms Arroyo had previously authorized the use of the infrequently utilized presidential yacht for rescue and relief efforts as well. *With an AFP report*



THE CHILDREN in an evacuation center in Pulilan, Bulacan, are in various states of discontent.

REM ZAMORA

Imagine these
in your home.
And they're FREE!



You can win a
maximum prize
refund of

P100,000
every week!



Build anything. We have everything.

WILCON BUILDERS' DEPOT: Libis - 634-8387 • Alabang - 809-9106 • Balintawak - 362-8521 • Pasong Tamo - 893-3142 / WILCON BUILDER'S SUPPLY: Muñoz - 926-1504 • Quezon Ave. - 712-3673 • Las Piñas - 807-8233 • Origas - 727-6064 • Pasay - 832-0242 • Quirino, QC - 935-9653 • Libis - 637-5623 • Mindanao Ave. - 455-8566 • Davao - (082) 297-9652

SUERTRES 5 4 9

SIX DIGIT (In exact order)

6 0 9 8 6 4

METRO

E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph

EZ2
(In exact order)

14 14

SUPERLOTTO 6/49

16 32 34 38 41 43

Text us your feedback: Inquirer met name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Editor Ester G. Dipsupil ■ Assistant Editor Cenon B. Bibe

Devastated, yet thankful, Rodriguez evacuees ponder the future

By Luige A. del Puerto

OUT OF the water and onto the cold, damp floor. Away from their homes and into a crowded gymnasium. And they are the lucky ones.

They belong to around 100 families that had to leave flood-ravaged communities in Rodriguez (formerly Montalban), Rizal, which was badly hit by Tropical Depression "Winnie."

The evacuees, a number of them children, sleep on the floor, with only thin sheets of cardboard separating their bodies from the pavement.

Although in relative safety inside

the gym just across the town hall, the cramped and crowded conditions expose them to diseases, mostly of the respiratory kind.

But for Daisy Ador, 33, of Barangay Rosario, facing an uncertain future is far more tormenting than the discomfort of living in a refugee camp.

What happens tomorrow?

After the sun rises and the storm passes, Daisy wonders what awaits her and her family.

"This is a lonely place," she said, looking at the cold floor. Elsewhere, children were playing, unmindful of their condition.

"But our house is gone. The

flood left us nothing, just our clothes. Thinking about the future tires me so much," she said.

Daisy, her husband Julio, mother-in-law Margarita and daughter Judilyn managed to flee their homes before it was swept away. The family saw the water rising and immediately sought higher ground.

There was no time to salvage anything, except their lives.

The flood has reduced them beyond being poor. At least the poor have their belongings, she said.

"But what is important is that we are alive," Daisy said. "We thank God for that."

Despite their condition, the

refugees are the lucky ones. Hundreds more from nearby provinces died in flash floods. Entire towns remain inaccessible: food, medicine and dry clothes cannot reach them.

Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuervo said the refugees would be relocated to Erap City. They would not be allowed to rebuild their homes along the riverbanks.

Worst-hit villages

Most of the evacuees are from Sitio Sabah in Barangay San Jose and Sitio Libis in Barangay Rosario. A handful are from Barangays Balite, Geronimo, and San Rafael.

Food is not a problem. There are enough noodles and canned goods for everybody.

Local workers have also begun distributing vitamins and medicine, mostly for cough and diarrhea. There were also used clothes and blankets.

Several municipal doctors checked on the children and the elderly, admitting to a local hospital those who needed greater care.

President Arroyo briefly visited the Rodriguez evacuation center at about lunchtime Tuesday, conoling with families who lost members.

The families are holding a

wakes inside the gym, where seven coffins rest on a stage.

In the villages of Burgos, San Rafael, San Jose, Geronimo, Rosario, Balite and San Isidro—villages ravaged by floodwaters—a lull in the weather allowed residents to pick up what was left of their belongings, and clear their homes of mud, garbage and debris.

Many could be seen washing muddied clothes. Teacher Julie Ann de la Cruz, 24, was drying her record book and lesson plan on the pavement.

Several certificates, notebooks and textbooks were laid out to dry on a window pane.

OPERATION 'BIG BROTHER'

Metro mayors reach out to flood victims

THE MAYORS of Metro Manila's 17 local government units yesterday pledged to act as "big brothers" to cities and municipalities in other parts of the country severely affected by Typhoon "Yoyong" in the midst of their own disaster preparedness plans for their respective constituents.

"A lot of the LGUs in the metropolis, especially the big cities, have more than enough resources to extend assistance to the affected areas," Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes said during the emergency meeting yesterday at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) headquarters in Makati City.

Reyes said the mayors agreed to "adopt" a particular town or municipality from a list of affected areas provided by the DILG. The municipality of Taguig, for example, picked the town of Sta. Fe, in Nueva Vizcaya, a sister municipality, as its "little brother."

The DILG chief said they would get a clearance from the Commission on Audit to allow the LGUs to spend their funds on affected areas outside their jurisdiction.

Reyes also said he would call on other richer LGUs all over the country to "adopt a small brother."

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said their city council appropriated P8 million as aid to the province of Nueva Ecija. He said he would head a group of city officials to the province, bringing with them medical personnel, medicines, rubber boats, relief goods and clothes. Quezon City, on the other hand, promised to give P5 million.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said the move to help the needy towns and municipalities "touched a very warm chord in the hearts of Metro Manila mayors." A medical team would be sent to Quezon as Manila's contribution to overall relief efforts.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando, on the other hand, said the Metro Manila Council approved the utilization of the agency's P8-million calamity fund for the typhoon victims.



FISHING vessels, big and small, lay idle in Navotas after the Coast Guard barred them from setting out to sea due to the approach of Typhoon "Yoyong." The situation gravely affected the supply of fish at the Navotas Fish Port and has forced prices to skyrocket.

ERIK ARAZAS

Valenzuela's city councilors had already informally agreed to appropriate part of its calamity funds to help the affected areas, said Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian. Rice, canned goods and other basic necessities would be sent to Quezon, he added.

Caloocan City would also donate P1 million to the DILG, Mayor Enrico Echiverri said. Navotas, however, will just send amphibious vehicles, from the 202nd Naval Reserve Command based in the town, and volunteers to help in rescue operations, according to Mayor Toby Tiangco, who added that they had already spent a big part of their calamity fund in flood prevention projects.

As storm signal No. 2 was raised in Metro Manila yesterday

afternoon, classes were suspended in all levels, while government employees were allowed to go home in the afternoon. Some malls, like SM Megamall in Mandaluyong, closed down early evening.

In Rodriguez (Rizal), one of the hardest-hit towns, Mayor Pedro Cuervo said food, clothes, medicine, and medical teams from private and government groups, continued to pour into the Rodriguez gymnasium, where at least 100 rescued families are staying.

Cuervo said he had ordered barangay captains to tell owners of homes along the riverbanks to move to the gymnasium or the Amang Rodriguez Elementary School, where their safety

would be assured.

In Marikina City, teams were sent to warn residents of Concepcion Uno, Nangka, Mandalay, Tumana District and Doña Petra of the imminent danger of flooding.

The city has 20 evacuation centers. Since last Wednesday, Rescue 161 personnel, police and other city employees were on standby for rescue work. Mayor Marides Fernando said that they had asked families in low-lying areas to vacate their houses and proceed to any of the evacuation centers.

San Juan Police Sr. Supt. Rodolfo Jocson, on the other hand, said they were monitoring areas near the San Juan River, especially Barangays Balong Bato, Batis, Salapan and Rivera.

The city has rubber boats on hand to ferry stranded residents.

Rizal police provincial director Sr. Supt. Leocadio Santiago said that, as part of the local government's preventive measures, they had evacuated 80 families from Brgy. Lupang Arienda to the Korean-Christian School. The area is flood-prone because it is near Laguna de Bay.

Some 1,000 families from Barangays Banaba, Dulong Bayan and Antig in San Mateo, Rizal, were also moved to higher grounds.

In Quezon City, more than 6,000 families living in flood-prone areas like Barangays Silangan, Tatalon, Sto. Domingo, and San Francisco del Monte were relocated to safer grounds upon or-

ders of Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. who had mobilized the city's Disaster Coordinating Council to implement its disaster preparedness plan.

Disaster councils of the city's 142 barangays were also tasked to help in the city government's efforts to minimize the damages caused by the typhoon.

Belmonte also said 17 buses, trucks and ambulances are now standing by to respond to emergencies. The city's 94 public elementary and 53 high school buildings in the city are also available as relocation sites, the mayor added.

Meanwhile, in Manila, hundreds of families from the Baseco Compound in Port Area, and the adjacent communities of Parola Compound, Happyland and Isla Puting Bato in Tondo were evacuated to public schools, covered courts and sports facilities in the same district.

In Malabon City, police had already deployed five rubber boats to police precincts which have jurisdiction over flood-prone areas.

Families living along the shores of Laguna de Bay were evacuated to the Sucat gym in Muntinlupa, and churches, schools, gyms and barangay covered courts were also readied as evacuation centers.

In Pasay City, Mayor Wenceslao Trinidad spent the city's 141st founding anniversary directing its disaster coordinating council to prepare for Yoyong. Twenty garbage trucks were on standby in Parañaque City to rescue affected residents, while in Taguig, vehicles with public address systems went around town advising endangered residents to proceed to evacuation centers.

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay said that, apart from the city's Disaster Coordinating Council now on a 24-hour alert, community kitchens would provide hot meals and distribute relief goods to affected residents. Margaux C. Ortiz, Edson C. Tandoc Jr., Luige A. del Puerto, Ruth L. Navarra, Tina G. Santos, Tarra V. Quismundo, Nancy C. Carvajal, Carlo Mariano

UP mass communication students to party for profs 3 men, woman rob bank

By Margaux C. Ortiz

WHEN broadcast communication professor Angelito Tiongson succumbed to lymphoma two months ago, students and faculty at the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication (CMC) were devastated.

As many expressed shock at Tiongson's sudden death, others worried about three more of their mentors suffering from similar life-threatening illnesses.

"The students were stricken by Lito's (Tiongson) death," said Josefina Santos, assistant professor at the UP-CMC broadcast department.

"Many cried, saying they failed to do something to help him," she added.

The college was rocked anew when Broadcast Department chair Rosa Maria Feliciano, former college dean Ellen Paglinauan, and Film Department instructor Joven Velasco took leaves from teaching this semester be-



FELICIANO

cause of their illnesses.

Feliciano, who teaches TV and radio production, was diagnosed with glomerulonephritis or destruction with inflammation of the kidneys in 1996.

"It is only recently that her kidneys failed completely," Santos said, adding that Feliciano had her first dialysis in August 2004.

According to Santos, Feliciano underwent a kidney transplant early this week, spending P1.3



PAGLINAUAN

million for the procedure.

Retired professor Ellen Paglinauan, who until last semester taught at the college as a professorial lecturer, has been battling colon cancer for three years.

Paglinauan was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the colon in 2001 and underwent surgery this year.

Velasco, on the other hand, resigned from the college after suffering a stroke earlier this year. He is also suffering from dia-



VELASCO

betes, Santos explained.

"All of them, including the late professor Tiongson, had spent a great deal of money, even selling their properties to finance their medical treatments," Santos said.

She added, "Because of the university's low budget, the sick teachers have to use their own money despite having health cards."

For some UP-CMC students, Tiongson's death was the last straw.

"We felt both weird and sad because there were so many of our teachers falling ill," Jocelyn Fabello, a third year student, said. "We had to do something."

Fabello, of the BroadAss organization of which Feliciano was an adviser, said the college organizations agreed to raise funds for their sick mentors.

"We had been putting up fundraisers for different events, why not organize one that has more meaning?" Fabello said.

Fabello said they were organizing a two-week affair in February 2005 which included a fair, a unique search for Ginoong MassCom and a variety show.

The Ginoong MassCom tilt would subject gay candidates to challenges that would make them act straight.

Fabello said college alumni interested in giving donations could contact her at 373-0428 or 0927-6275554. They could also e-mail her at broadass_exte-com@yahoo.com.

3 men, woman rob bank

By Ruth L. Navarra

FOUR robbers, including a woman, robbed the East-West Bank branch on Shaw Boulevard yesterday morning.

The suspects struck at about 11:30 a.m. and took a still undiscovered amount of cash, said Sr. Supt. Raul Medina.

Medina said the group pretended to be clients, adding that the guard allowed them in because they were with a woman. However, as soon as they got in, they declared a holdup and disarmed the lone guard.

The suspects, who were carrying two handguns, fled on two motorcycles after the robbery that police said lasted for only about five minutes.

Learn and grow
the **SMART Kid** way.



Get free **ANCHOR WAM!** when
you subscribe to **SMART Kid's**
Tip Of The Day.

Text



to

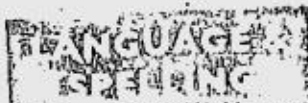


More fun and educational stuff from **SMART Kid!** Try these out:

MATH

1. Go to SMART Kid in your cellphone menu
2. Click "Planet Kid"
3. Click "Guide 2 Learn"
4. Click "Math"
5. Click "Get question"

Or through text:
Type <123> then send to 386



1. Go to SMART Kid in your cellphone menu
2. Click "Planet Kid"
3. Click "Guide 2 Learn"
4. Click "Words"
5. Click "Get question"

Or through text:
Type <ABC> then send to 386

TRANSLATOR

English to Filipino;
Type ENG <word>
then send to 386

Filipino to English;
Type PIL <word>
then send to 386

SCIENCE

1. Go to SMART Kid in your cellphone menu
2. Click "Planet Kid"
3. Click "Guide 2 Learn"
4. Click "Science"
5. Click "Get question"

Or through text:
Type SCI then send to 386

DICTIONARY

1. Go to SMART Kid in your cellphone menu
2. Click "Planet Kid"
3. Click "Guide 2 Learn"
4. Click "Dictionary"
5. Click "Synonyms" or "Antonyms"
6. Text the word you want to search

Or through text:
Type KIDS SYN <word> then send to 357
Type KIDS ANT <word> then send to 357

FREE pack of 5's!

Anchor

WAM!
tiramisu drink



For every approved SMART Kid Postpaid subscription or SMART Kid Prepaid phone purchase, get a free ANCHOR WAM! lunch bag, bag tag and 5-piece pack of ANCHOR WAM!

For every SMART Kid Prepaid SIM purchase, get a free ANCHOR WAM! bag tag and 5-piece pack of ANCHOR WAM!

For every SIM swap or daily subscription to Planet Kid's Tip Of The Day service, get a free 5-piece pack of Anchor WAM!

Redemption valid until Feb. 20, 2005

PARTICIPATING WIRELESS CENTERS: SMART Tower, Tutuban, Festival Mall, Alabang Town Center, Robinsons Place Ermita, SM Southmall, SM Davao, Podium, SM Manila, Shangri-la Plaza Mall, SM Megamall, SM North EDSA, Robinsons Galleria, Vero Mall, SM Fairview, SM Ilium, Seaside Road Baguio, Robinsons Pampanga, Robinsons Ina, Robinsons Biscuits, Robinsons Bacolod, SM Bolo, SM Cebu, Cebu E-mall, CDO Limkasan, SM CDO, SM Davao, Gaisano Davao.

Phone rates from November 24 to December 30, 2004.
Per DTI-FICA Permit No. 5485, Series of 2004



BASKETBALL: NBA—Rockets vs Mavs; 9 a.m. (7-9 p.m.); Solar Sports; Cavs vs Nuggets; 11:30 a.m. (9-11 p.m.); Star Sports—It's an all-Texas affair when Houston faces Dallas while it's LeBron versus Melo as Cleveland visits Denver.
US NCAA—Ohio State vs Clemson; 4 p.m.; Virginia vs Northwestern; 6 p.m.; ESPN—Get your fill of US college hoops the Big Ten's Buckeyes take on the ACC's Tigers while the Cavaliers face off against the Wildcats.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2004

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

A25

E-mail: pr_sports@inquirer.com.ph

SPORTS

Text us your feedback: Inquirer sport name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Magic, Sonics torch foes; hot Suns burn Cavs /A28



■ Spain opts for teen spirit, junks Ferrero for Nadal /A31



■ Hingis returns in Volvo Open /A31



■ Defending titlists draw NCR; Cebu, Davao win /A30

NO. 2 SLOT ELIMINATOR IBF sanctions Pacquiao-Fahsan tiff

By Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor

IT'S NOW official!

The New Jersey-based International Boxing Federation has officially sanctioned the Dec. 11 Manny Pacquiao-Fahsan 3K Battery clash as an eliminator for the vacant No. 2 slot, with the winner assured of becoming the top guy should IBF champ Juan Manuel Marquez decide to rumble with current No. 1 Rocky Juarez in a mandatory defense.

IBF Championship chair Lindsey Tucker, in an e-mail message to this writer, said he has approved the application to sanction the 12-round rumble this week.

"I did approve Manny Pacquiao vs Fahsan 3K Battery for an IBF featherweight eliminator for No. 2. The request came in this week," Tucker told this writer.

The No. 2 featherweight slot in the IBF ranking is currently vacant.

Juarez, the top contender who is slated to vie for the WBC title soon, will defend the WBC Continental Americas featherweight crown today against ex-WBC champ Guty Espadas Jr.

Organizers of the Pacquiao-Fahsan bout recently announced that the fight would be an IBF eliminator, although they have yet to formally apply for approval with the sanctioning body.

Apparently, promoter Murad Muhammad's M&M Sports had worked hard to get the IBF approval so as not to disappoint the Filipino crowd and give the fight the importance it deserves.

Pacquiao and members of his team are slated to arrive in Manila on Sunday. They are scheduled to meet with event organizers and sponsors on Monday.

Muhammad will plane in via Philippine Airlines from Los Angeles today while Fahsan and hard-hitting compatriot Chaiyong Distar are expected Monday together with manager Jimmy Chaichotchaung.

Chaiyong, who owns 11 KOs in 12 wins against two defeats, will face RP and Orient Pacific Boxing Federation No.1 ranked super flyweight Z "The Dream" Gorres in the Pacquiao-Fahsan undercard.

Among the supporters of the Dec. 11 event are Smart, Talk 'N Text, Solar Sports, PLDT, Taguig Mayor Freddie Tinga and Discovery Suites.



PACQUIAO

Mayol risks OPBF title versus Thai

WORLD Boxing Council No. 2 and Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation minimumweight boss Rodel Mayol will be defending his regional title for the second time when he takes on a Thai challenger on Jan. 29 at the Casino Filipino in Parañaque, Manila.

The dynamite-fisted Mayol, considered by boxing pundits as one of the Philippines' best pound-for-pound fighters alongside Manny Pacquiao and Randy Suico, will use this titular defense as his preparation for a possible world title crack next year against the WBC 105-lb king.

The Mandaue City-based fighter, who fights out of the Stonewall Boxing Gym, boasts an unblemished 19 wins with 15 KOs and no loss since turning professional under the guidance of Cebu boxing patron Tony Aldeguer. He threw his hat into the paid arena following a bright amateur career which saw him become a five-time national champ with more than 120 fights.



MAYOL

Sharp technology in Flat TV's.

BLACK PANEL FLAT TV



Black panel 21V-FP350S (bk)

TWO TONE FLAT TV



Black 21V-FP90S (gy)



Silver 21V-FP90S (s)

WHITE PANEL FLAT TV



White panel 21V-FP350S



Black panel 25V-FP350S (bk)



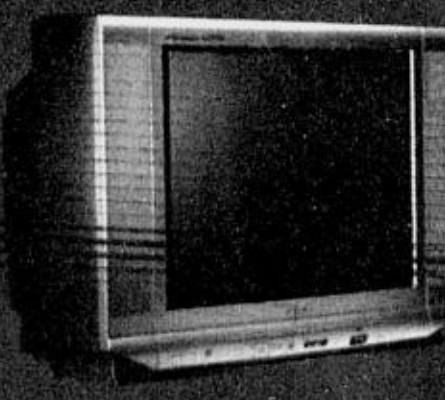
Silver 21V-FP85S



White panel 25V-FP350S



Black panel 29V-FP350S (bk)



Silver 29V-FL350S



White panel 29V-FP350S

Now you have better choices.

Sharp brings you the pleasure of flatscreen viewing. You choose furniture to suit your style, now you can do the same with your TV. No longer limited to the conventional silver boxes of old, Sharp's new Flat TV's come in a variety of front panel designs, made for the modern interior. Choose the chic look of two tone silver. The elegance of black granite. Or, the pure simplicity of white. With screens ranging from 21 to 29 inches, full connectivity, space and energy saving features, you'll surely find an Aphyrdy that's best for you.

SHARP

Everything's better if it's Sharp.

www.sharp.ph

Hotdogs edge Tigers; PBA cancels games

STANDINGS	W	L
Talk N Text	10	2
Barangay Ginebra	9	4
Shell	9	5
*Purefoods	6	6
San Miguel Beer	6	7
Red Bull	5	7
FedEx	5	8
*Coca-Cola	5	9
Alaska	5	9
Sta. Lucia Realty	4	8

*still playing at presstime

GAMES SUNDAY (Araneta Coliseum)
 4 p.m.—Coke vs Talk 'N Text
 6:30 p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Shell

Color developed at the end of the first half when Raymundo chased and blocked Arigo's drive and then taunted the Tigers' shooting guard. The act triggered a heated exchange between Raymundo and Rafi Reavis as they streamed toward the dugout with the Tigers ahead at the half, 36-34, in the match sponsored by Lactovital, the league's official food supplement.

Meanwhile, PBA Commissioner Noli Eala has canceled today's double-header at the Philsports Arena due to super typhoon "Yoyong."

The games pitting Sta. Lucia Realty against Red Bull Barako and Barangay Ginebra against San Miguel Beer are expected to be held as the last twinbill of the eliminations.

12 Days of X'mas

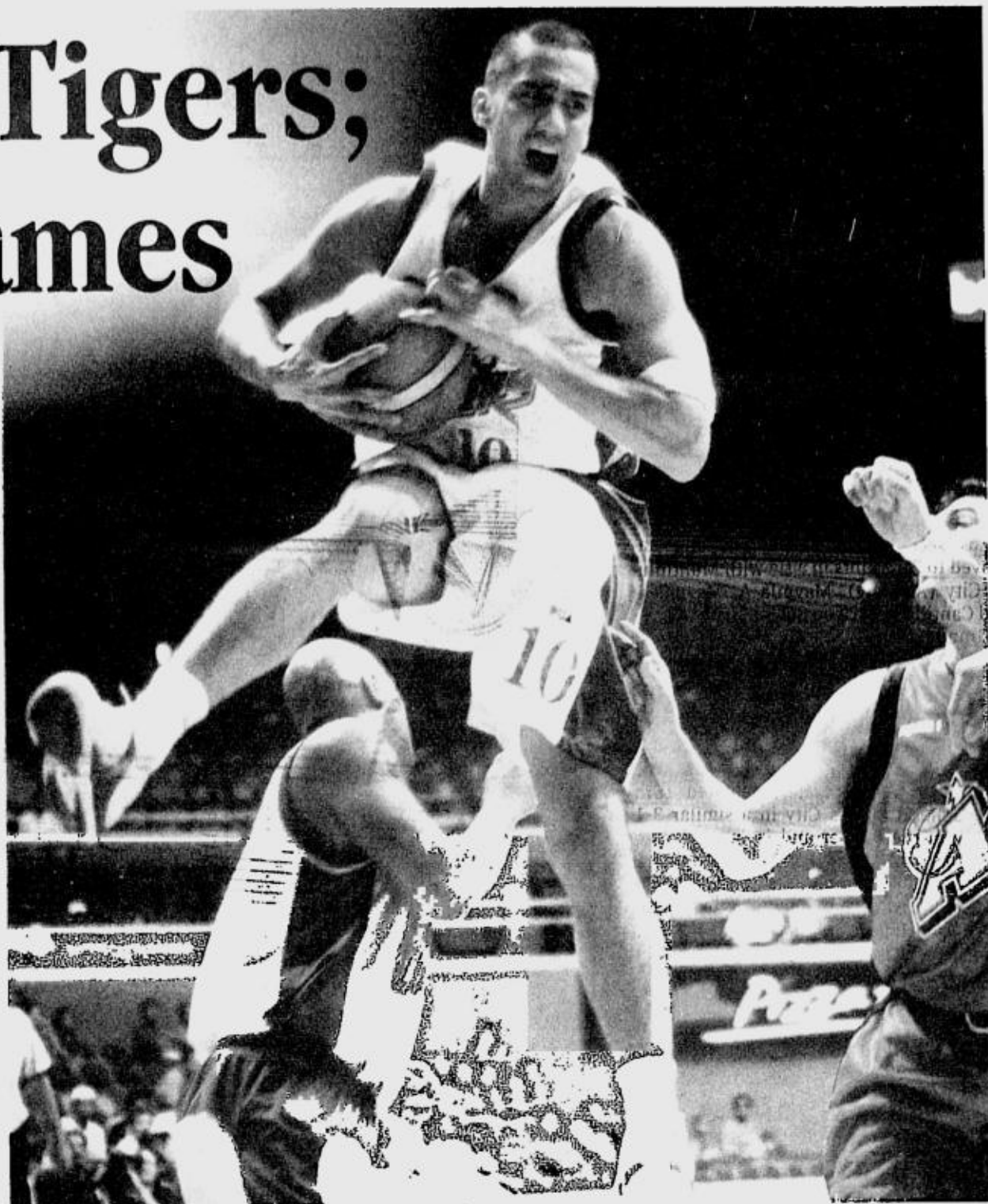
Meanwhile, the PBA launched its version of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a monthlong Yuletide treat the league is hosting for less-fortunate youngsters. FedEx and San Miguel opened up the event and hosted select youngsters from Haven for Children and Nayon ng Kabataan during their game Wednesday.

During halftime of each designated game day, 50 children from each institution will be treated to a Christmas night like no other: free seats to watch the games live, free food, autograph-signing and picture-taking opportunities with their basketball heroes plus tokens and special giveaways.

The scores:
PUREFOODS 82—Raymundo 17, Evangelista 15, Castillo 10, Hrabak 8, Yee 7, Artadi 7, Yap 7, Laure 6, Simon 3, Realubit 2, Espinosa 0.

COCA-COLA 76—Peek 19, Arigo 14, Avenida 11, Abarrintos 9, Antonio 6, Morano 5, Reavis 4, Julino 4, Walwright 2, Chia 2, Lao 0, Ramos 0.

Quarters: 18-19, 34-35, 54-56, 82-76



RICH Alvarez grabs the rebound over Alaska's Bong Hawkins in their game won by the Turbochargers. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

By June Navarro

LIPA CITY—Purefoods weathered a stormy first half by leaning on Rey Evangelista and Kerby Raymundo to subdue Coca-Cola, 82-76, in the Gran Matador PBA Philippine Cup last night at the La Salle Lipa Sentrum here.

Evangelista came up with 13 points in the final half while Raymundo relentlessly made his presence felt in the middle as the TJ Hotdogs clinched their seventh win in 13 games.

The TJ Hotdogs won for the second straight time following their 84-79 conquest of the Shell Turbochargers, and moved to solo fourth behind Talk 'N Text, Barangay Ginebra and Shell.

Ali Peek muscled his way to 19 points and John Arigo chipped in 14 for the Tigers, who absorbed their fourth consecutive setback and ninth loss in 14 games.

United Auctioneers, Inc.

"NO MINIMUM PRICE"

PUBLIC AUCTION

DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2004

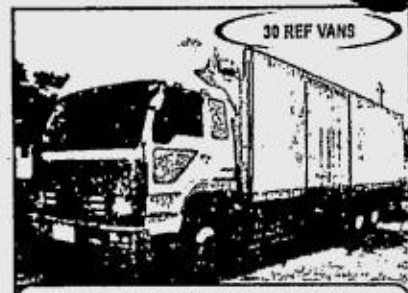
(SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

Sale starts at 8:30 AM SHARP!!
Catch The Best at Subic Bay

INSPECTION DATES:
DECEMBER 8, 9, & 10, 2004
 (WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY)
 REGISTRATION DATES:
DECEMBER 8, to 12, 2004
 (WEDNESDAY, TO SUNDAY)



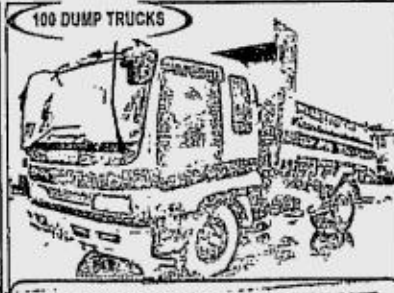
ISUZU 10W CARGO TRUCK
 100 CARGO TRUCKS



FUSO 10W REFRIGERATED VAN



ISUZU 6W TRACTOR HEAD



ISUZU FORWARD DUMP TRUCK



FUSO CANTER FUEL TANKER



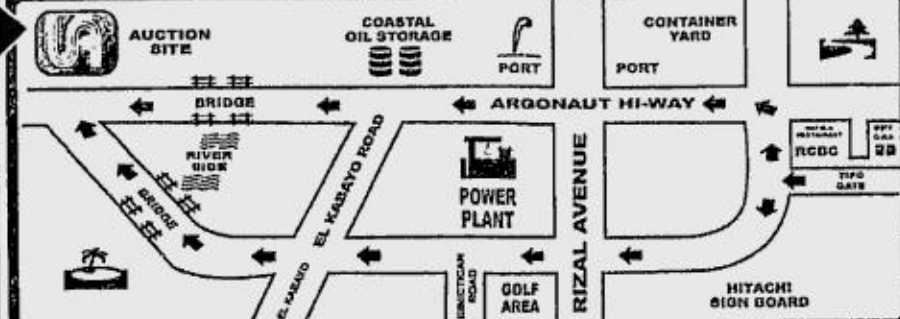
ISUZU TROOPER



TOYOTA HI-ACE

LOCATION MAP

SUBIC
 BLDG. 1455 ARGONAUT
 HIGHWAY, SUBIC BAY
 FREEPORT, PHILIPPINES
 TEL NOS:
(0471) 252-1129
252-1155 to 58
 FAX NO:
(0471) 252-5569



MANILA TEL NOS: (02) 9297868 • 9205501 • 426-3908 • 453-7470 • CEL NO. 09178088624
 FAX NO: (02) 929-0260 E-MAIL: Info@nauctioneers.com WEBSITE: www.nauctioneers.com

Huskers subdue Snipers, tighten URBL finals race

CEBU CITY—Veteran Buboy Rodriguez drilled in a buzzer-beater to lift Quezon past Ilocos Sur, 96-94, yesterday as the Coco Huskers fueled their championship drive in the United Regional Basketball League (URBL) semifinals at the New Cebu City Coliseum.

The 6-foot-2 Rodriguez's heroics came after teammate Egay Echavez sank both his free throws off Mike Manigo in the last 10 seconds to freeze the count at 94-91.

In the ensuing play, Echavez intercepted an inbound by Harold Sta. Cruz and went for a quick jumper. He, however, missed his attempt.

Luckily, Rodriguez was at the right place at the right time for the rebound and fired the game-clinching basket that stalled the Snipers' outright entry into the best-of-five championship series.

The Coco Huskers notched their third win in five gains and shared second place with M. Lhuillier, just a shade behind the Snipers' 4-1 record in this tournament sponsored by Lactovital and Adidas in cooperation with URBL partner hotels Castle Peak, Holiday Plaza and Mango Park.

The Jewelers regained their bearing in the final period to oust Harbour Centre-Pampanga, 80-79, in the other game.

A three-way tie for the lead could happen if M. Lhuillier beat Ilocos Sur in the 7 p.m. main encounter and if Quezon prevail over Harbour Centre-Pampanga at 5 p.m. today.

Under such case, the three teams—Ilocos

STANDINGS	W	L
Ilocos Sur	4	1
Snipers	3	2
M. Lhuillier-Cebu City	3	2
Quezon Coco	3	2
Huskers	0	5
H. Centre-Pampanga	0	5

GAMES TODAY

(New Cebu City Coliseum)
 5 p.m.—H. Centre-Pampanga vs Quezon Coco
 7 p.m.—M. Lhuillier-Cebu City vs Ilocos Sur Snipers

Sur, Quezon and M. Lhuillier—will wrap up the semifinal round with identical 4-2 cards and the quotient system will be applied to determine which two teams will engage in the titular showdown for the very first URBL plumb.

The Snipers were actually up, 92-89, when Nino Marquez knocked in a basket to push Quezon to within 91-92 with 31 seconds left. Manigo provided the breather when he drilled in both charities off Marquez to keep Ilocos Sur up, 94-92, with 14 seconds to go.

In the ensuing play, Harold Santa Cruz missed two free throws off Larry Rodriguez as Egay Echavez came scooting down the court and exacted a foul off Manigo.

The Jewelers, drawing firepower from Bruce Dacia, Leo Bat-og, Jomer Rubi and Aldrin Ocaña, erected their biggest lead, 51-31, at halftime.

Billy Bansil presided over a searing rally that saw the Jewelers' advantage dwindle to only six, the last at 75-81 with 3:31 to play.

Marquez set a new URBL record for scoring 35 points, erasing the previous high of 27 held by teammate Arnold Booker. Rodriguez contributed 18 points.

The scores:
First game
QUEZON 96—Marquez 35, A Rodriguez 18, Tagulines 16, Echavez 8, Guerrero 6, Kong 5, Tierra 4, Booker 2, L Rodriguez 2, Ferrer 0, Tenorio 0.

ILOCOS SUR 94—Yu 20, Barchosa 16, Cardal 13, D. Mendoza 12, Ocaña 10, Ocaña 8, Ocaña 4, Hauschmayr 3, Rubi 3, Santa Cruz 2.

Quarters: 18-18, 45-47, 76-73, 96-94.
M. LHULLIER 90—Enriquez 12, Dacla 12, Rubi 11, de Guzman 11, Bat-og 7, Ocaña 7, Smith 6, Laygo 6, L Garcia 5, Lumantas 4, Sampilo 3, Cañonero 2, Aying 2, Marata 2.

HARBOUR CENTRE 79—Bansil 14, A Garcia 13, Llangco 12, David 10, Manalo 8, Bognot 7, Santos 7, Yambao 5, Dizon 3, Magpayo 0.

Quarters: 28-11, 51-31, 68-52, 90-79.

PBL Open, V-League elims postponed due to Yoyong

THE ALARM raised by super typhoon "Yoyong" yesterday prompted the postponement of the PBL Open Championship games at the Ateneo Gym and the Shakey's V-League's elimination at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

After classes in all levels have been suspended, both tournaments followed suit in the interest of public safety.

The PBL, has in fact, also called off games

scheduled for tomorrow at the Pasig Sports Center with the office of Commissioner Chino Trinidad to announce the new playdates later.

Sto. Tomas, meanwhile, postponed its collision with San Sebastian in the fledgling volleyball league also to a later date with the eliminations to resume as scheduled on Sunday, also at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium. Musong Castillo



Question of the Week

Christmas is just around the corner.
Do you feel the spirit of the season?
Why or why not?

Senders of a first 10 texts published in Tuesday's InqBox will each receive an Inquirer T-shirt!

Send Inquirer news name/city/message.
 (Maximum of 160 characters)
 Metro Manila winners can call Chay at 8978808
 loc. 218. Provincial winners can text:
 Inquirer ad name/city/mailling address
 to 2207 or 283 as their prizes will be mailed to them

NATIONAL INTER-CITIES

Mandaluyong, 4 others share early lead

TAGAYTAY CITY—National Master Rolando Nolte defeated fellow NM Andrew Vasquez in 35 moves of a Sicilian Defense-Alapin Variation to lift Mandaluyong City to a 3-1 victory over Quezon City and the second round lead in the 2004 National Inter-Cities and Municipalities Chess Team Championships Thursday at the Tagaytay Sports Center here.

Rodolfo Panopio Jr. and Merben Roque also won over QC's Julius Sinangote and Deniel Causo, on board 3 and 4, respectively, as second seeded Mandaluyong improved to 2.0 points in a tie with Muntinlupa City (Alabang), Maynila A, Maynila B and Cantillan (Surigao del Sur).

Grandmaster candidate Fernie Donguines beat Mandaluyong's top board player International Master Idelfonso Datu in 25 moves of a Reti Opening to prevent a shutout of seventh seed Quezon City.

Mandaluyong City, whose stint here is sponsored by Mandaluyong City Mayor Neptali "Boyett" Gonzales, defeated 15th seed General Santos City in a similar 3-1 victory in the opener and is scheduled to face 5th seed Maynila B in the third round.

Powered by GM candidate Ronald Dableo and NM Darwin Laylo, Maynila B beat 12th seed Manila (Philippine Navy), 2.5-1.5.

Maynila A, led by IMs Chito Garma and Barlo Nadera, nipped 9th seed Tanauan City (Batangas), 3-1; while Muntinlupa City (Alabang) of GM Nelson Mariano II and Fide Master Oliver Dimakiling clobbered 11th seed Calamba City, 3.5-0.5.

Cantillan (Surigao del Sur), supported by Rep. Butch Pichay edged 14th seed Cavite City, 2.5-1.5. Grandmaster Rogelio "Joey" Antonio Jr. scored his second straight wins at the expense of IM-elect Emmanuel "Manny" Senador to enabled Tagaytay City A to forge a 2-2 standoff with 8th seed Marikina City.

IM Richard Bitoon and 11-year-old Wesley So drew with Marikina's NM Ronald Llavanes and Macapagal Paguitan, respectively, before Allan Macala pushed Marikina ahead with an upset of Jerome Balico on board 3.

Top seeded Tagaytay City A has 1.5 points, the same output of 10th seed Makati City (Primanila Plans Inc.), 3rd seed Dasmariñas (Cavite) and Marikina City.

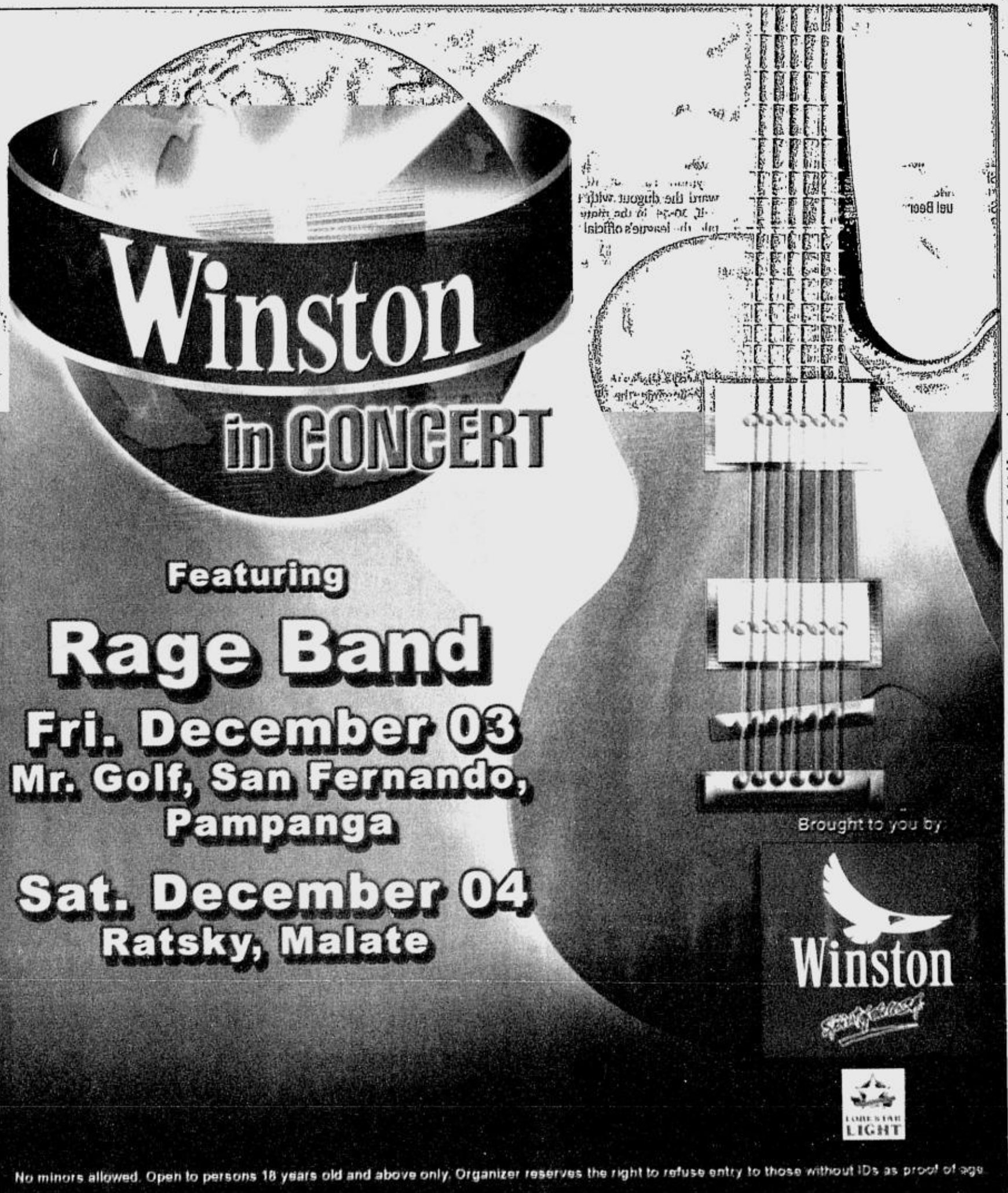
Primanila, bankrolled by NCFP vice president and Primanila Plans Inc. chair/CEO Eduardo Madrid, and led by 1996 Philippine Junior champion NM Roberto Suelo Jr., forced a 2-2 draw with Dasmariñas (Cavite), powered by IM Petronio Roca, in the tournament supported by the Tagaytay City government headed by Mayor Abraham Tolentino. **NM Marlon Bernardino**

Kiddies chess registration on

ORGANIZERS of the 2004 "Rimat Ti Amihan" Kiddies Chess Championships slated Dec. 18 and 19 in the City of San Fernando are now accepting entries.

Children born after Jan. 1, 1990 and who have not participated in the World Youth Chess Championships may join the six-rounds Swiss System tournament.

La Union Gov. Victor Ortega and San Fernando City Mayor Mary Jane Ortega, are sponsoring the event organized by engineer Joseph Dumuk. **NM Marlon Bernardino**



Winston
in CONCERT

Featuring
Rage Band

Fri. December 03
Mr. Golf, San Fernando,
Pampanga

Sat. December 04
Ratsky, Malate

Brought to you by
Winston
Spirits

LOVE STAR LIGHT

No minors allowed. Open to persons 18 years old and above only. Organizer reserves the right to refuse entry to those without IDs as proof of age.

Government Warning:

Cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.



Hayop sa sakit ng katawan?

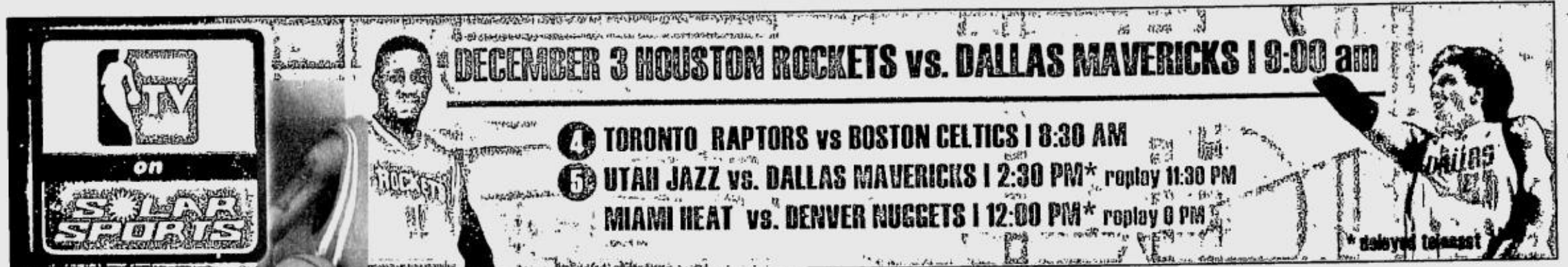
ETO NA ANG MAS MABILIS TUMALAB, MAHABA MAGPAGINHAWA.

METHYL SALICYLATE + MENTHOL ALAXAN

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE
P 10
PER 5 GRAM TUBE

Also available in 30g at P55 and 10g at P20.

If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.



DECEMBER 3 HOUSTON ROCKETS vs. DALLAS MAVERICKS | 9:00 am

4 **TORONTO RAPTORS vs BOSTON CELTICS | 8:30 AM**

5 **UTAH JAZZ vs. DALLAS MAVERICKS | 2:30 PM** * replay 11:30 PM

MIAMI HEAT vs. DENVER NUGGETS | 12:00 PM * replay 8 PM

* delayed telecast



UNITED
The US Davis Cup team puts up a united front as they get ready to face Spain in the final. From left to right are Vince Spadea, Captain Patrick McEnroe, Milne Bryan, Bob Bryan, Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick. The finals will be played in Seville, Spain, where the host team has laid out the slowest clay court surface.

Estes takes helm of Australian PGA

SYDNEY—American Bob Estes shot a record-equaling nine-under-par 63 to lead the first round of the Australian PGA championship on Thursday.

Estes, 38, sank nine birdies in a flawless opening round at Coolool on the Queensland Sunshine Coast to finish the opening day a single shot clear of the field.

Craig Spence, the 1999 Australian Masters champion, returned to form with a 64, including an eagle at the par-five fourth hole, to hold outright second.

A group of seven players, including American Corey Pavin,

the 1995 US Open champion, were tied for third at five-under-par 67.

Australia's former world number one Greg Norman was among a smaller group a further shot back at four under par, and tournament favorite Adam Scott was seven shots off the lead after shooting 70.

"It was little bit of vintage Greg then a little bit of rust on Greg on the back nine," Norman said.

"I got off to a good start, my focus was good, but I drifted in and out a little and that was reflected in some of the shots I hit," Reuters

Padraig up in HK

HONG KONG—Defending champion Padraig Harrington and his Ryder Cup teammates Miguel Angel Jimenez and David Howell took the early lead in the Hong Kong Open with first rounds of 65 on Thursday.

Ireland's Harrington shot an error-free round as he began his title defense in style, and Briton Howell matched him with five birdies as the jointly-sanctioned European and Asian Tour event started in perfect conditions.

"I'm very pleased with this start but there is a lot of work remaining to be done," Harrington,

the world No. 6, told reporters.

"It's great to begin this way and nice to get the adrenalin going."

Howell stormed home after shooting four of his five birdies on the back nine.

"It is very rare for me to have a bogey-free round and I'm absolutely delighted. The key was I made no mistakes and kept it in play all along," Howell said.

Spaniard Jimenez had one bogey early in his round but made up for it with an eagle at the par-five 529-yard 12th hole, his third of the day, and never looked back. Reuters

TOMMY HILFINGER watches

NoCrew

NBA STANDINGS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	7	6	.538	-
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	1
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	1 1/2
Washington	5	8	.385	2
Charlotte	3	11	.214	4 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Indiana	8	5	.615	1/2
Chicago	7	5	.583	1
Atlanta	3	10	.231	5 1/2
Orlando	2	12	.143	7
Charlotte	1	10	.091	8
Southeast Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Atlanta	10	4	.714	-
Washington	9	5	.643	-
Orlando	7	7	.500	3
Charlotte	4	8	.333	5
Pittsburgh	1	10	.091	7 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
West Division	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	12	3	.800	-
Phoenix	10	6	.625	2 1/2
Portland	6	10	.375	6 1/2
Utah	5	10	.333	7
New Orleans	1	12	.077	10
Southwest Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
San Antonio	13	3	.813	-
Minnesota	8	5	.615	3 1/2
San Jose	8	7	.571	4
Portland	8	6	.571	4
Phoenix	8	6	.571	4
Northwest Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Seattle	12	2	.857	-
Memphis	9	5	.643	3
San Diego	9	6	.600	3 1/2
Los Angeles	9	6	.600	3 1/2
Golden State	3	10	.231	8 1/2

THE SPORTS WAREHOUSE

Best Brands: Lowest Prices!

OPEN

DECEMBER 3
Club 650 Leisure and Commercial Complex
Libis, Quezon City
STORE HOURS: 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

keds

arena

puma

SPALDING

U.S.Kids Golf

adidas

YONEX

Babolat

new balance

LOCATION MAP

also visit us at Liip, Mamplasan Exit, Biñan, Laguna
Tel. No.: (049) 539-0640
STORE HOURS: 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Burlington

THE SOCKS AUTHORITY

DRIVE FORWARD this christmas

RAFFLE PROMO
December 1-31, 2004

Every P100 purchase of Burlington Socks gives you a chance to win...

KIA picanto

OR ONE OF

Sinski JAG 100 scooters

RICH ALVAREZ
No. 1 Draft Pick PBA 2004

See Posters for complete details.
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5792, Series of 2004.

Wladimir and Vitali have taken a leading role in recent months, speaking out on the need for Ukraine to have democracy and free press.

Last week, Yushchenko called Vitali to thank him for his support, while Wladimir spoke on the streets to urge protesters on.

"Our father was communist, and grew up with the old Soviet Union ideology," Vitali said.

He was brainwashing all the time. Right now I spend a lot of time in the West and I can see between West and East. I wish to go the democratic way." AP

Defending titlists draw NCR; Cebu, Davao win

DEFENDING champion Iloilo and the De La Salle University-powered National Capital Region squad raised their rivalry a notch higher after literally fighting to a scoreless draw in the PFF-Adidas National Under-19 youth championships at the University of San Carlos Technological Center.

Six yellow cards were flashed during the match with Iloilo bearing most of the brunt after Ruben Doctora and Relan Bretaña were seen off the pitch after collecting a second yellow each. Both players will miss today's big game against Davao.

Also given yellow cards from Iloilo were Robert Lecoto and Jhevan Calvo, while NCR's Rino Llures and Sean Cretayo were assessed one each.

The blow on the NCR squad, though, will be softened as reinforcements flew in yesterday to join the team today.

Meanwhile, Cebu City bounced back from a sloppy opening day performance and survived Dipolog City, 2-1, bolstering its chances to enter the semifinal round.

Cebu International School's Michael Sharpe cut through in the 80th minute to break a deadlock the Cebuano forced with striker Junard Aguilar's 72nd minute equalizer.

Vonn Gumela earlier put a lot of pressure on the hosts, converting a pass from Reggie Dukes against Cebu goalie Dominic Gallego for a 1-0 Dipolog lead.

Cebu now is second to Davao, which hiked its record to 2-0 after drubbing Baguio City, 7-0.

In the other game, Davao City came up with a sterling performance after blanking Baguio City, 7-0, as Israel Golocan banged in two successive goals in the 23rd and 26th minutes.

Marian Baring/Cebu Daily News



HOST Cebu needed a lot of grit to battle back from an early deficit and make up for a lackluster opening game in the Adidas Under-19 football championship at the University of San Carlos Technological Center.

ALLAN DEFENSOR/CEBU DAILY NEWS

BAP wants more help from PBA

THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines yesterday sought the support of the Philippine Basketball Association for its other programs after going through the motions of approving the memorandum of agreement drafted by the pro league.

President Tiny Literal and secretary-general Graham Lim signed the MOA draft in behalf of the BAP board yesterday.

The MOA now goes back to the PBA Board of Governors for final approval.

"Everything went smoothly except for some minor corrections on the PBA's developmental subsidy for the BAP. Aside from the women's team, they want to give the PBA a leeway in supporting the other programs of the BAP too," said PBA Commissioner Noli Eala.

The developmental subsidy has a fixed rate, which the PBA



EALA: Everything went smoothly.

and the BAP have yet to agree on.

Once the PBA board agrees to the minor concession during its regular board meeting on Monday, it will authorize Eala to sign the MOA with BAP officials.

Under the MOA, the PBA will take care of organizing, funding and field-

ing the country's national quintet to the 2005 Asian Basketball Confederation in Doha and the 2007 ABC in a bid to return to the world championship and the Olympic Games.

The PBA will also help prepare teams in other international tournaments except the Asian Games campaign, which has been given to longtime BAP backer Cebuana Lhuillier.

Besides the MOA and a couple of administrative issues, the PBA board will also tackle the issue of foreign-born players, specifically the tenure and status of those already playing in the professional league.

June Navarro

GTK confirmed project director for ABC hosting bid

THE EMBATTLED Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) has given Go Teng Kok an additional assignment aside from being officially named project director in the country's bid to host the 2007 Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) championship.

Go was also invited to be a special adviser to the BAP executive board to enhance the association's hopes of making a comeback in the international scene.

"We need somebody with the expertise, the clout and more importantly, the dedication to re-

ally serve RP sports. Mr. Go has these qualities so the BAP chose him as the project director of our ABC hosting bid and offered him to be the special adviser to the BAP executive board," said BAP secretary-general Graham Lim.

Lim is under fire lately for fielding the Philippine College of Criminology team as RP bet in the first Fiba-Asia Stankovic Cup in Taipei recently. The PCCr cagers were humbled no end and finished dead last in the tournament.

Go is currently president of the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association (PATFA) and

the National Chess Federation of the Philippines (NCFP).

"We know he already has two major NSAs to lead, but everybody who knows GTK for a long time is aware the man best performs when under pressure. We believe he will deliver and he's more than welcome to lend us his wisdom and leadership," added Lim.

Go is no stranger to basketball, which he crashed through the family-owned Goyu and Sons' involvement in the Filipino-Chinese league before helping the country win the silver medal

in the 1990 Beijing Asian Games as the team manager.

"I am deeply humbled by these offers, but I readily accept because I love challenges. Athletics, through the years, has infused itself into my blood. Chess has been one of my great loves in sports. And basketball has always been a favorite of mine."

Go is also seriously considering the revival of the once prestigious Filipino-Chinese basketball league that produced some of the finest players in the amateur league, the PBL and the PBA.



GO: Project head

Boycott of races a step in the wrong direction

THE BOYCOTT of the races at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite, will do more harm than good for the sport of horse racing in the country. In my opinion, the action taken by a disgruntled group of horse owners opposing the anti-EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) campaign of the Philippine Racing Commission is a step in the wrong direction.

Even the bayang karekista did not support the boycott move. In fact, the boycott was hardly felt because the races were held as originally scheduled and off-track betting sales went on briskly, particularly on Tuesday and Wednesday. On the other hand, the Santa Ana Park, one of only two racing clubs in the country, even achieved a record gross sales of P185 million during last Sunday's 9th San Miguel Beer-Marho Breeders' Cup, enough proof that the boycott threat had little effect on the confidence of the racing public during the six-day races.

The boycott fell flat chiefly because it was not supported by all those directly concerned with the sport and the major players in the industry, including the country's leading racing organizations such as the Marho (Metropolitan Association of Race Horse Owners), Philtobo (Philippine Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Organization) and Klub Don Juan de Manila.

The boycott was staged by a group led by William Dagan, Tos Reyes and Narciso Morales, who opposed the anti-EIA testing campaign spearheaded by Philracom chair Jaime Dilag.

"We must address the EIA problem," said Mandaluyong Rep. Benhur Abalos, a noted horse owner who chairs the House committee on appropriations for the Philracom, Games and Amusements Board and the Philippine Sports Commission. "If we don't address the EIA problem, the local racing industry will suffer."

Another horse owner, Marho president and sports patron Aristeo "Putch" Puyat, said, "Philracom did the right thing in conducting EIA tests on our horses. EIA is very contagious and could wipe out the whole industry if not stopped immediately. It is deadly just like AIDS." Puyat added the Philracom did not order the EIA-infected horses destroyed but the ailing horses were banned from racing by the club owners themselves to prevent the virus from spreading.

CLEAN LIVING



Manolo R. Inigo

Popular horse owner Hermie Esguerra is also behind the program. It was reported he had ordered four of his infected horses destroyed.

Several other lawmakers, who are also horse owners-breeders, are supporting the Philracom campaign, saying the anti-EIA testing is vital to the development of the local horse racing industry.

Rep. Luis "Baby" Asistio said, "The Philracom campaign against EIA is very timely. We must act now before it's too late."

Only a few years ago, Philippine horse racing was virtually wiped out by the Strangles epidemic. This infectious disease led to a temporary suspension of the races at both the Santa Ana and San Lazaro ovals, something which all well-meaning sports fans wouldn't want to ever happen again.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Multi-titled national shooter Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla deserves a pat on the back for winning the center fire pistol event of the National Open Championship despite a long layoff.

"Tac is the most dedicated athlete I ever saw," said an avid supporter. "He is a perfectly balanced shooter, who is equipped with all the requisite gifts: God-given skills, a supportive family and unmatched passion for the sport. Tac spends his own money and holds regular practice round at the family-owned target range in Malabon to prepare for a tournament. No wonder he's phenomenal as a shooter."

The youthful general manager of Spring Cooking Oil and son of Olympian Tom Ong also topped two weeks ago the rapid fire event of the national shootfest, which is being held in preparation for the 2005 SEA Games. Besides Padilla, the other winners of the qualifying series were Carolino Gonzales, Susan Aguado, Army's Eric Guinling and Joel Mariano.



AIM
ALUMNI
Leadership. Live It.

AIM Masters

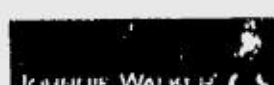
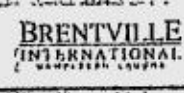
Invitational Golf Tournament

Friday, December 3, 2004 at the Alabang Country Club

Tee Time : 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM

First Hole-in-one Prize: Honda Jazz

DUE TO THE TYPHOON, THE 3rd AIM MASTERS HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 14, 2005. KINDLY CALL 750-6575 OR 750-1010 LOCAL 2103 to 2106 FOR DETAILS.



WESTERN ENGINEERING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY

ASSOCIATION OF LENDING INVESTORS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Spain opts for teen spirit, junks Ferrero for Nadal

SEVILLE, Spain— Spain opted for teen spirit on Thursday in plumping for 18-year-old Rafael Nadal in place of Juan Carlos Ferrero for Friday's opening singles in the Davis Cup final against the United States.

Former French Open champion Ferrero has been struggling with a series of injuries which had culminated in him missing the last six weeks of the season and he had said that he only felt around 85 percent fit in the days

leading up to the final draw.

He added he would step aside if he did not feel he could give his best as Spain look to land only their second title.

Ironically, Ferrero himself came in for Alex Corretja four years ago and helped Spain break their Davis duck against Australia in an emotional final in Barcelona.

Carlos Moya, Spain's other former French Open title-winner, will open the encounter on Friday against US number

two player Mardy Fish before Nadal gets to go toe to toe with US world number two Andy Roddick.

With the trophy match being held on slow Spanish clay and in front of a fanatical 26,000 crowd, the hosts start as favorites to land the cup and deny their visitors a 32nd 'salad bowl.'

US hopes of a first title since 1995 are pinned on the shoulders of Roddick, who has four singles titles this season but no Grand

Slam.

The 22-year-old from Nebraska, 74-16 for the season coming here, bagged titles in Indianapolis, Queen's, Miami and San Jose, while he made the Wimbledon final and ended the season second in the rankings behind all-conquering Swiss Roger Federer.

But the 2003 US Open champion comes to southern Spain knowing that his 1,017 Tour aces may count for little on the clay where he rarely shines.



AP FERRERO

Southwoods golfers virtual Fil Am titlists

BAGUIO CITY—Manila Southwoods, although submitting its first sub-100 performance in three days playing under typhoon signal No. 3, virtually won the Fil division crown of the inaugural seniors division of the 55th Fil-Am Golf Invitational tournament Thursday.

Southwoods scored 97 points after earlier aggregates of 108 and 109 and stormed beyond recall with a 37-point lead over National Bureau of Investigation and 39 over Orchard.

Florene de los Santos paced Southwoods 26 points, Jun Belicena contributed 25 and Ed Cataquis and Ben Borja added 23 each as the Carmona, Cavite-based squad totalled 314 after three rounds.

NBI scored 277 points while Orchard Seniors trailed with 275.

Camp Aguinaldo retained its lead over the surging Syndicate Seniors and Aloha Golf Club in the championship flight of the Am division.

Aguinaldo had 76 points in the third round for a total of 248. Syndicate was just 10 points behind at 238 after an 88 for the day while Aloha held third at 237.

Anthony de Leon, Baguio Country Club general manager and tournament co-chair, said they would continue with the tournament despite the impending bad weather. This city and the rest of Northern Luzon had been placed under typhoon signal No. 3.

"It is still a green light. We have no strong winds and it is signal No. 3," said De Leon.

At the same time, he and co-chair Bong Vilches of Camp John Hay announced the organizing committee is initiating a modest "campaign to raise funds for the typhoon victims down south."

BCC and Camp John Hay host the tournament, the biggest of its kind in Asia with more than 1,000 participants.

Windy City Golf Club's Ed Henson also grabbed the spotlight by scoring a hole-in-one at BCC's 166-yard 18th hole in the company of Pat Roman of JJ Golf Club and Tags de Leon of Team Victory.

The Chicago-based architect scored the third ace in the tournament with a Callaway 8 iron and a Tideist 2 ball. The other acemakers were



MARK Cardona (right) of ICTSI-La Salle drives against Ardy Larong of Granny Goose during their PBL game won by the Green Archers.

RUDY ESPERAS

Larry Stover of Seoul Survivors at BCC's No. 1 and Ted Tanag of Jewel of the East at CJH's No. 6.

Syndicate's Federico Eslao led the championship flight's individual scoring with 90 points but Baguio Councilor Federico Mandapat Jr. paced the overall scoring derby with 92 points.

Mandapat's Camp John Hay team in the Fil A division also had the title in the bag with the highest three-day total of 340 points.

Riviera Mizuno was a far second with 278 points, followed by Aguinaldo with 247.

In the Am Flight A, CJH also led with 274 points. Guam-based Chamorro Golf Club, which was feted Wednesday night by the city for being selected as the Lucky Foreign Visitors, only managed 65 points for a total of 227. Capitol Hill Seniors was third with 223 points, followed by Riviera Mizuno with 215.

Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



HINGIS: Back after two years of retirement.

Hingis returns in Volvo Open

BANGKOK— Former world tennis number one Martina Hingis, who was forced to quit the game at just 22 with a foot injury, will play her first tournament in more than two years next month in Thailand, organizers said Thursday.

Hingis was given a wildcard berth to the Volvo Women's Open, which starts in the coastal resort of Pattaya from January 29, and will be seeking her 77th WTA Tour title.

Organizers said her return was linked to a "charity initiative." "I hope to raise awareness of the support needed for those who are less fortunate and living in impoverished conditions in Thailand and around the world," Hingis was quoted as saying in a statement.

Hingis dominated the tour

from 1997 to 2000, reaching third in the all-time career prize money list before bowing out of the game after surgery on both ankles.

She did not indicate if picking up the racquet in Pattaya was a one-off but has said previously it would require a "medical miracle" to make a comeback.

In June, the five-time Grand Slam winner said she would love to play Wimbledon again but admitted that the tough physical conditions of the game were making it harder for her to consider competing at the top level.

Hingis, who at 16 years and six months became the youngest-ever player to be crowned number one, has been developing a television commentary career. She last played a tournament in Germany in October 2002.

AFP

SPORTSWATCH

Junior Doves soar to fifth straight win

ST. FRANCIS of Assisi College Systems-Bayanan continued its assault in the 5th Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SLCUAA) basketball tournament as its men's and boys' teams pulled off masterful wins at the Brent International School in Mamplasan, Laguna. The Junior Doves soared to their fifth straight win in as many outings with a 68-33 demolition of Brent, which suffered its third loss in a row. The St. Francis men's team routed Brent, 68-52, for their second straight in four games. The Colegio San Agustin belles, on the other hand, squeaked past Brent, 54-50, for their second straight victory in this 11-member league featuring the top schools of Southern Luzon. Brent's women's team shocked erstwhile-pacesetter La Salle-Health and Science Campus, 76-42, to score its third straight triumph.

Gov. Garcia Airsoft Open unfolds

ALL marksmen's roads lead to Dumanjug, Cebu, this Saturday when the Governor Gwendolyn Garcia Cup Airsoft Open comes off the wraps. Event coordinator Paulo Garcia said the event will serve as the launching of the Governor's Cup, which is the first of five that is going to be held all over Cebu province. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three winners of this event, which is supported by MLhuillier, GGC Services Inc., Smart Communications, Damcor, Philcopy, Isl and Stream. Teams slated to see action are ASG 1, ASG2, Tri-J, Trident Knights, A&P, NS Wings, YawCoy1, YawCoy2 and Team Rambo.

Cavite 7-cock grand championship

THE GRAND championship of the Cavite 7-Cock International Derby, the 14th anniversary offering of Cavite Coliseum and Derby Center, unfolds today with more than 80 flights beginning at 5 p.m. A silver cup and a guaranteed prize of P2 million await the champion. After two days of intense battle, the entries of Jun Topacio of Cavite (JT Emerald) and Mayor Nene Aguilar (LCC) remained unbeaten with four wins each, and are the top favorites to win the title. Topacio will again field his prized lemon roundheads from Mindanao while Aguilar will rely on Lancey dela Torre's roundheads. Ready to challenge them are other frontrunning entries like SPC Jade Resort of Arman Santos, SRF4CD of Sen. Ramon Revilla, Slete Pares of Ronald Singson, NB Bubukal of Boyet Legazpi and Narding Balota, Samantha of Boy Royo and Poi Estrellado, Lexus of Romy Manalansan, Paniqui Dec. 19 of Bebot Roxas and King Edward of Edward de Luna. Meanwhile, coliseum manager Roger del Rosario advised paying patrons to keep their ticket stubs for the raffle draw. For inquiries, contact 0918-5674921, (046) 970-9971 and (046) 9704810 (look for Ferdie Bautista).



THRILLING FUN: Kart Trak, inside the Boom na Boom carnival complex at the corner of Roxas Boulevard and Gil Puyat Avenue, Pasay City, is the most preferred karting circuit in Metro Manila today for both amateur and professional karters.

Formula 1 racing comes to Shanghai

LONDON—Formula One, modern sport's most blatant example of conspicuous consumption and global capitalism, has come to Shanghai and the land of the push-bike.

So has the European PGA tour, belying its name by moving steadily east. Next year it will be the turn of tennis and the season-ending Masters Cup.

More bizarrely, the Shanghai International Sixes, an abbreviated form of cricket, has arrived in China's largest city. The latest edition featured former West Indies captain Viv Richards, one of Wisden Almanac's five cricketers of the 20th century. Seedy, glamorous, crowded and unashamedly wedded to trade

and profit, Shanghai was imperial Britain's gateway to the east and centre of the opium trade.

Appropriately it was a Briton with the vision and audacity of his enterprising forebears, who travelled to all parts of the globe to make vast fortunes by sometimes dubious methods, who brought motor racing to China.

Bernie Ecclestone controls Formula One. For some time he has been looking to extend the parameters of the sports beyond its European base. Shanghai and Ecclestone were made for each other.

"There are 1.3 billion people in China

and we currently have a television viewership in Shanghai and Beijing alone which exceeds the total viewership in the whole of Europe," Ecclestone told The Guardian newspaper.

Shanghai paid at least \$325 million for the right to host the Grand Prix and constructed a futuristic circuit designed by German Hermann Tilke on a marsh 30 kms west of the city. The track, designed to represent the Chinese character "Shang", features two long straights and a series of loops and sharp curves and 200,000 spectators can be accommodated under a wing-shaped roof.

Reuters

77 days

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza



THE MOST famous Christmas tree in Baguio City is now alt. That is the one at the Baguio Country Club.

Measuring 60 feet from the ground up, its 2,360 wired lights and 200 yellow bulbs—each one as big as a Davao pomelo—sparkle nightly like huge, newly cut African diamonds.

Mounted at its usual home-the spot between the fairways of Nos. 1-10 and No. 18 of BCC-the Christmas tree's large, electric star atop it is so luminous its sheen can be seen from afar like Venus at dusk's last gasp.

"I welcome you all to our great city as we witness once more the historic lighting of Baguio Country Club's historic giant Christmas tree," said Peter Rey Bautista, the city vice mayor, in his speech during the well-attended occasion on Sunday at 30 minutes past six in the evening. "This occasion has now become a most awaited event every year. Our visitors, as well as our own folk, have come to cherish this time-honored tradition here at the Baguio Country Club and for which I congratulate the BCC leadership led by Attorney Rico Agcaoili."

I caught a glimpse of Anthony de Leon as Peter Rey was delivering his piece impromptu, and the chubby general manager of the Baguio Country Club nodded approvingly, smiling almost from ear to ear. Rico is in the United States but I'm sure Anthony was thrilled hearing the vice mayor pay homage to the president of the Baguio Country Club.

In Peter Rey—he is not even 30 I guess—I see a future father of this well-loved City of Pines.

Unknown to many, Peter Rey is the son of Rey, who is now president of the University of Baguio but who is known to Manila's sportswriters as the brother of Des, the jolly chess supporter and keen poker mate of Florencio Campomanes, Taby Tabaniag, Roger Flores, Jake Ayson and Art Padua of the famed Rose Bowl Restaurant in Baguio.

The lighting of the Christmas tree, Anthony de Leon's brainchild that began in 1993, came on the eve of the 55th Fil-Am Golf Invitational at the Baguio Country Club.

"This year, the occasion is connected to the centennial celebration next year of our club," said Anthony, who had to dispatch at least 30 people once more to erect the Christmas tree that took two weeks to build. "This idea was inspired by the giant Christmas tree that the Araneta Center would always put up in Cubao during the Christmas holidays."

It used to be that the BCC Choir, composed of BCC employees, did the singing of Christmas carols during the lighting of the BCC Christmas tree. But pressure of work eventually led to the disbandment of the choir.

This year, the University of Baguio Choir

sang the carols while the St. Louis University Dance Troupe did the interpretative dances during the lighting of BCC's Christmas tree.

The centennial fever is such that this year, in the Fil-Am's 55th edition, golfers 55 and above had their inaugural tournament—with the champions to be crowned tonight. Already an established national event that, at one time, got entered into the Guinness Book of Records as the world's biggest golf championship in terms of attendance (almost 800 play regularly in the event), the Fil-Am has been extended to two weeks this year so the nation's senior golfers can have a tournament of their own.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, the Men's Regular event of the Fil-Am will blast off at both Baguio Country Club and Camp John Hay, with Mizuno DHL defending the premiere Fil crown and Southwoods its Am title during the six-day tournament ending Dec. 12. Like Anthony at BCC, Bong Vilches, the Camp John Hay general manager, has prepared CJH to tip-top shape.

Meanwhile, today is 77 days to the day the BCC is to celebrate its 100th anniversary on Feb. 18, 2005. The event, Anthony de Leon said, would have GMA as guest of honor. At 9 p.m. that day, the nation's top crooner, Martin Nievera, will perform on a makeshift stage to be flouted in front of the common greens of No. 1 and No. 10. The show—get this—is for free.

"Our humble way of showing our gratitude to the members, friends and supporters of the Baguio Country Club," said Anthony.

If that's not a class act, what is?

SPORTS

2005 Asian Tour includes Brunei, but skips Philippines

HONG KONG—The first half of the 2005 Asian Tour Schedule will include ground-breaking stops in Brunei and Qatar plus a new \$1.25-million event in China, its chief executive Louis Martin said Thursday.

He announced a 14-event schedule for the first six months of 2005 with total prize money of \$11.5 million.

The rapid development of golf in China is underlined with the establishment of the

inaugural CGA Championship from June 2 to 5 in Beijing.

Brunei's first national Open will be staged in Bandar Seri Begawan from June 30 to July 3. The Okinawa Open, jointly

sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour Organization, will tee off the new season at Naha later in December.

The Qatar Masters will also join the Asian Tour Schedule for the first time next

March. Established in 1998 as a European Tour event, the organizers have invited the Asian Tour to co-sanction the tournament in view of the upcoming Asian Games which Doha will host in 2006. **AFP**

For as low as
P 8,800
a month!

**A whole
new jackpot!**

Bacolod prepares musical SEAG rite

By Marc Anthony Reyes

A "VERY show biz" opening ceremony is being planned by Bacolod City, which will stage five regular events of the 2005 Southeast Asian Games.

"It is going to be a musical opening ceremony," according to Rep. Monico Puentevella of the rites that will be held at the Panaad Sports Stadium where stars of the entertainment world will be invited to perform.

"I'm sure our artistas will be willing to render their services for the country."

Puentevella, the weightlifting head and incoming Philippine Olympic Committee first vice president, is spearheading the preparation by local organizers to host men's football, beach volleyball, volleyball, boxing and weightlifting.

A former Tawag ng Tanghalan national champion, Puentevella said Bacolod will use the musical theme in contrast with the fiesta and cultural opening shows planned by other sites like Cebu City and Metro Manila.

Cebu City will kick off its preparation in February with the Sinulog Festival, while Metro Manila plans to stage the opening ceremony at the Rizal Park with a cultural presentation.

"Music will be our theme," Puentevella said, adding that they would showcase the Filipinos' world-class musical talent by following the example of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

Puentevella, who is also a member of the Philippine SEAG Organizing Committee, likewise defended Bacolod's proposed P50 million budget.

He said men's football—the most popular sport among the SEA countries—deserves to have a scoreboard and lighting system, which Panaad currently does not have.

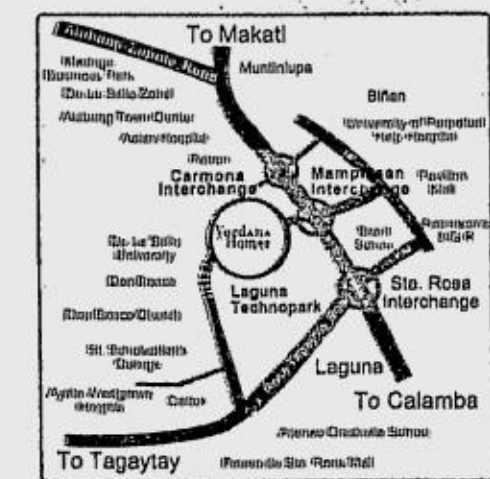
"We will not spend unnecessarily," said Puentevella. "But we will need to renovate the stadium to accommodate the big crowd for men's football, which is the most popular event in the province and in Southeast Asia."

He added that the projected tourism income for Bacolod and Cebu City more than justifies their budgets because fans from Visayas and Mindanao won't go to Manila anymore to witness the Nov. 27-Dec. 5 Games.



AT SLLP BY MR. 999

- Race 1—1. Feng Shui 2. Nagmamahal 3. Apache Warrior 4. Playing Cool
Race 2—1. Gontalon Story 2. Caden Dance 3. Madel Line 4. Shifty
Race 3—1. Sovereign Queen 2. Front Page 3. Mighty Dragon
Race 4—1. Hazit Coming/The Magician 2. Vallant Queen 3. Legally Blonde 4. Risk Takor 5. Namaste
Race 5—1. Eye Candy 2. Bunker Buster 3. Montezuma 4. Inner Wheeler 5. Go Ich 6. Golden Touch
Race 6—1. Golden Cat 2. Easy Rider 3. Five O'Clock 4. Millennium Man 5. Green Buck
Race 7—1. Race for Gold 2. La Española 3. Hong Kong Girl 4. Noble Red
Race 8—1. Hellfire 2. Scrap of Gold 3. War Hero/Shower of Stars 4. Albatross 5. Divine Dato's Pride
Race 9—1. Casanova 2. Transparent 3. Malone 4. Mountain Eagle 5. Princess Inn 6. Showtime Lady



We've showered the new Verdana Homes Mamplasan with great values to make it not just affordable but to assure you that you've made a worthwhile decision. Rising at the gateway to Ayala South, it's the first community in the country to feature amenities done in exotic Asian Balinese architecture. 2.2 hectares of parks and recreation areas, including a grand clubhouse, pools, a basketball court, jogging paths, covered badminton courts. Even a kids' area complete with biking and skating trails. And with flexible payment schemes starting at P8,800 a month, Verdana Homes Mamplasan is the ideal first home for young urban achievers. Fertile grounds indeed to raise your family!

**COMMUNITY
INNOVATIONS INC.**
An AYALA Company

Verdana Homes
mamplasan

Call tel. nos. 750-0484, 750-0471 and 849-0551
or visit us at www.communityinnovations.com.ph or mail to: off-sales@ayalaland.com.ph

HLURB License No.: 09188-RAA-04-02.



Come together at



Treats



Everyone deserves a treat.

ENTERTAINMENT

Text us your feedback: Inquirer ent name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

E-mail: pr_entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Don't miss
your favorite TV shows!
Check out today's
Inquirer TV Guide
in the
Entertainment section
Happy Viewing!

Marissa Delgado, ex-Playboy model, thriving businesswoman

By Nini Valera

THE SEXY actress **YESTERDAY** who once posed naked for Playboy Magazine is now a heavy-weight businesswoman and grandmother to two children aged 12 and 6.

Marissa Delgado has been running her MarDel International Management Services for 19 years, keeping the business one of the most reputable recruitment agencies in the country today.

"It took a lot of hard work," said the actress in Filipino. "It's still hard work. But nothing comes easy. You have to put your best into it. I wanted it, so I shouldn't complain. I find fulfillment in fulfilling other people's dreams."

Like the talents she sends abroad, Delgado once had her dreams.

"I was a little girl when I first dreamed of becoming an actress," Delgado recalled. "I was 11 when my grandmother who had raised me asked (the late great designer) Ramon Valera to put me in the movies through his connections with the film studios. He and my grandmother played mahjong often. But they both decided I was still too young then. They told me to wait until I turned 15."

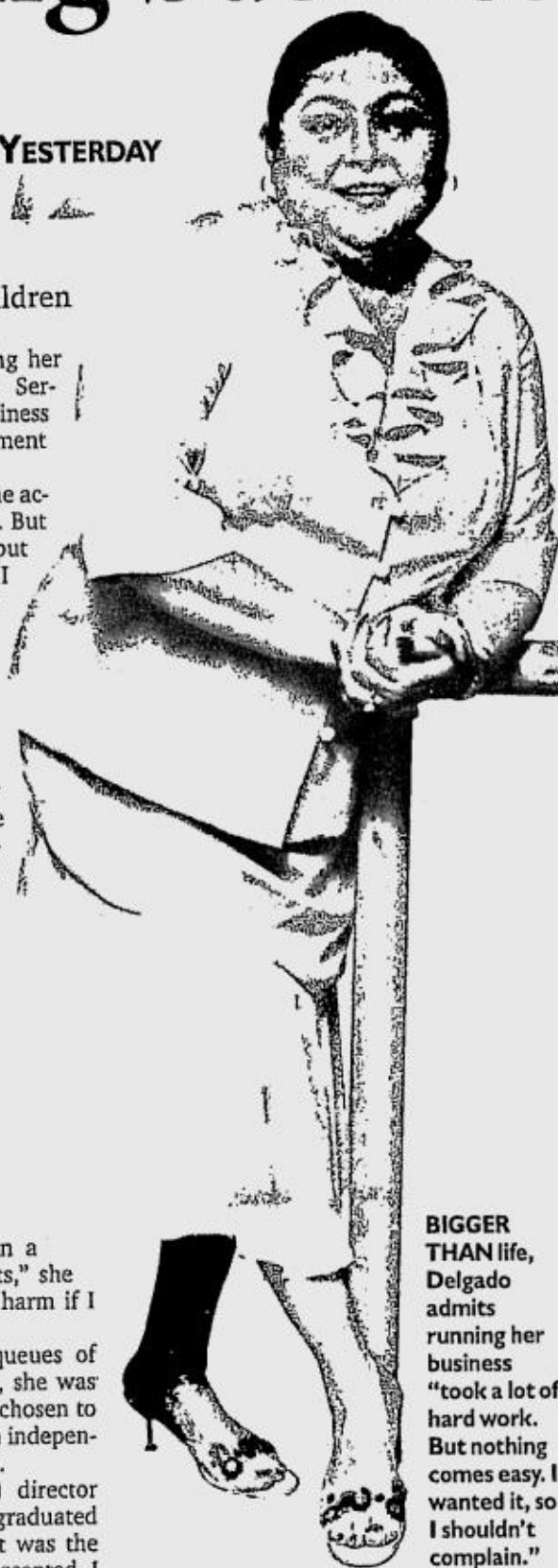
A break in movies

Two years after she turned 15 and a year after she finished high school at the University of the East, Delgado auditioned for a movie role.

"My grandfather read this ad in a newspaper looking for fresh talents," she narrated. "I thought there was no harm if I tried. So I showed up to audition."

Delgado remembers the long queues of hopeful wannabes. But in the end, she was one of three girls who were finally chosen to be given a break in the movies by an independent film producer, GM Productions.

"I auditioned before (the late) director Artemio Marquez the day after I graduated from high school," she said. "That was the start. Among the three who were accepted, I was the only one who stayed on."



BIGGER THAN life, Delgado admits running her business "took a lot of hard work. But nothing comes easy. I wanted it, so I shouldn't complain."

RYAN LIM

Her first movie, "Dalawang Kumander sa WAC," starred Dolphy and Chiquito. She played a member of the women's auxiliary corps. She remembers receiving about P3,000 for her role, which she shot for several weeks.

"It took so long to shoot because we had so many locations," she said. "It was supposed to be a war movie. But it didn't matter to me how much I was paid. I just wanted to be in the movies, and I was finally acting."

Kissing and bikinis

A string of supporting roles followed, with other stars like Lucita Soriano—who was then a top-biller—recommending the young Delgado to other movie producers. A freelance actress, Delgado did not have any build-up contract with any major movie outfit. She also did not have a manager to guide her career and direct her show biz path. She relied mostly on word-of-mouth recommendations by the actors and actresses she worked with.

"I played mostly supporting roles," she said. "Or I was the *contravida*. When James Bond movies like those made by Tony Ferrer became the fad, I would play one of the leading ladies."

Known for sexy roles that required her to kiss her partners and wear a modest bikini, Delgado became a reluctant screen vamp.

"In those days, just showing your navel would get you excommunicated," she said. "But I still wore bikinis even if it took me a long time to begin wearing them. I kept on thinking about how my grandmother would think if she saw me, how my aunt would feel about my wearing them."

"But I'm an actress, and my roles called for wearing them. So I went sexy and I have no regrets about it."

In 1968, a team from Playboy asked Delgado to pose naked for the American magazine.

"I agreed to pose for them, but not naked," she said. "They paid me in dollars. I still have



BODY BEAUTIFUL in the '60s. "I dreamed of becoming an actress."

'I keep that (Playboy) magazine in my vault now. I am not yet ready to show it to my grandkids'

the issue of that magazine with my picture in it. It showed me naked only from the back and just my back. I keep that magazine in my vault now. I am not yet ready to show it to my grandchildren."

No Virgin Mary

Delgado also had her share of leading lady roles. These were for movies which starred Ramon Revilla Sr., like "Vergado" and "Pepeng Koryente." She was also leading lady to Joseph Estrada in the movie "Agila at Araw."

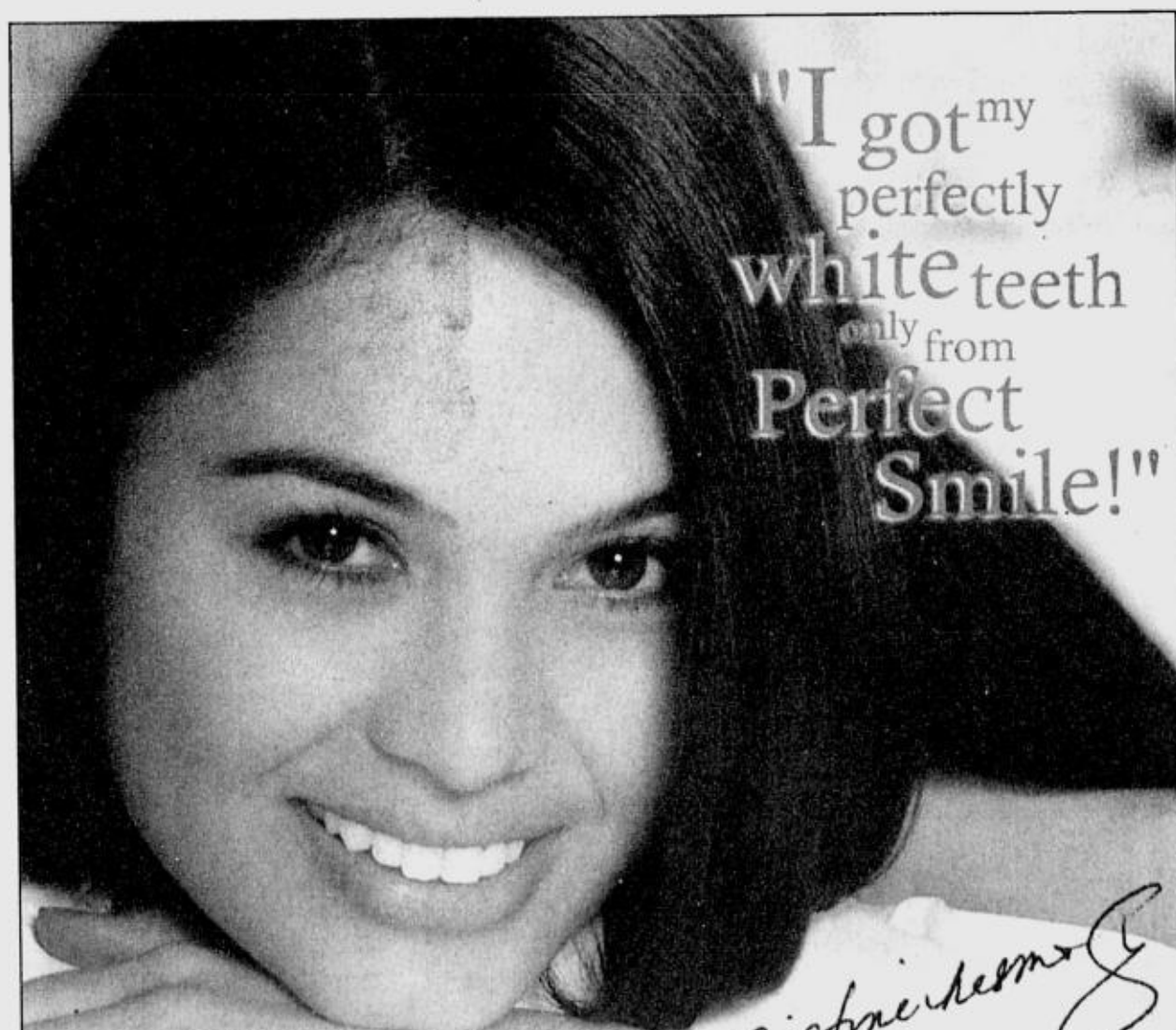
"I was not really leading lady material," she laughed.

Even in the *cenaculo* staged at the Opera House and Clover Theater, where movie stars like Delgado performed in the '60s, the actress played the part of Mary Magdalene and never the Virgin Mary.

"I don't think I look like a Virgin Mary," she said.

But it was an honorable profession which helped Delgado support her grandfather, sin-

MARISSA/A2-2

Kristine Hermosa
TV / Movie Actress

Never feel troubled by discolored teeth again. Treat yourself to Perfect Smile, the first and the original professional teeth whitening center. In just one visit, you can now flash that radiant white smile with confidence. With Perfect Smile, your teeth will be whiter than ever. And with perfectly white teeth, you've got every reason to smile.

Perfect Smile
PROFESSIONAL TEETH WHITENING CENTER

For the whitest of
white teeth in an instant

Suite 1202, Medical Plaza Makati, Amorsolo corner Dela Rosa Sts., Makati City, 1229 • Tel. No.: (632) 892-9058
E-mail: info@oneperfectsmile.com • Website: www.oneperfectsmile.com

THE EUROPEAN UNION
AMAZING EU CHRISTMAS
AT THE PODIUM

A magical Holiday tour of Europe through choirs, Christmas stories, and cheers presented by the European Union Member States.
A must-see for young and old alike!
December 7 to 16, 2004, The Lounge, Second Level

December 7 to 16
Amazing EU Christmas Exhibit
showcasing the different Christmas traditions of the EU Member States

December 7
The Embassy of Finland presents
6:20 PM Santa Claus
The Embassy of France presents
7:00 PM French School Choir

December 10
The Embassy of Austria presents
2:00 PM Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht (Silent Night, Holy Night) with storyteller Barbara Naude, First Secretary of the Embassy of Austria
4:00 PM The Kaibigan Vocal Ensemble and Pundakit Virtuosi String Ensemble

December 11
The Embassy of Spain and Instituto Cervantes present
5:00 PM Spanish Christmas Stories with storyteller Vivian Mangalindan
6:00 PM TIP Choral

December 12
The Embassy of Sweden presents
3:00 PM Lucia Choir
4:00 PM Swedish Christmas Stories for children with storyteller Linda Skogsberg

December 14
The British Embassy and The British Council present
4:00 PM Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with storyteller Melody Remorca Coro Angelitos

December 15
The Embassy of the Czech Republic presents Famous Czech Cartoons for Children
4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

December 16
The Embassy of Belgium presents
7:00 PM The Las Pallas Boys Choir

PHILIPS THE PODIUM
18 adb avenue, ortigas center

WAVE 89.1
JAM 90.5



PLAYING the wife of closet queen Eddie Garcia in Brocka's "Tubog sa Ginto," which she considers one of her best roles



WITH Ricky Belmonte and Nida Blanca, who are both gone now



LEADING LADY to "Da King" Fernando Poe Jr.

Marissa Delgado, ex-Playboy...

WILD HUNT

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CONTACT NO. _____
SIGNATURE _____

Where did you buy this copy? Please check
☐ News stand/Newsboy ☐ Subscription

Promo Period: Sept. 27- Dec. 14, 2004
Deadline of Entries:
Monthly Draws: October 17 and Nov. 17, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 14, 2004
Draw Dates:
Monthly Draw: October 22 and Nov. 22, 2004
Grand Draw: Dec. 21, 2004

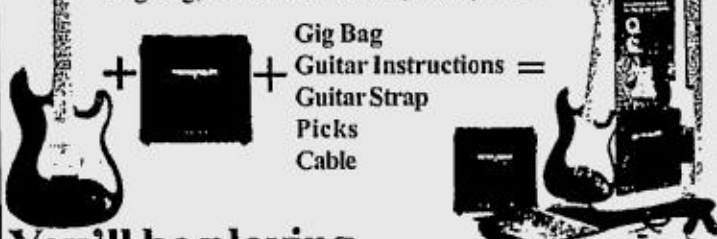
See posters and print ads for details.
Per DTI Permit No. 2147, series of 2004

Drop in drop boxes located at Ayala and Robinson's cinema lobbies, and all LBC and Netopia branches. You may also mail entries to: GUYITO Wild Hunt, PDI Bldg., corner Yague and Mascarido Sts., Chino Rocas Ave., Makati City.

Want to learn how to play the guitar?

BUY 1 TAKE ALL !!!

Buy One **BEHRINGER** Guitar for only PHP 6,395.00 and get a FREE **BEHRINGER** V-Tone GM108, Gig Bag, Guitar Instructions, Picks, Cable



You'll be playing within minutes!

Special Introductory Price

P 6,395



The V-TONE GUITAR PACK contains everything an aspiring guitar player needs to start playing electric guitar. The pack contains a high-quality electric guitar with tremendous playability, featuring three single-coil pickups, five way switching and vintage vibrato bridge and a 22-fret maple neck.

The V-TONE GUITAR PACK also contains a V-TONE GM108 15-Watt modeling amplifier with an 8" vintage-style speaker. It boasts 3 classic guitar amps, 3 speaker simulation models plus 3 gain modes—providing you with 27 classic sound presets. Last but not least, this package comes with a gig bag, guitar instructions, cable, strap, picks and more

From page A2-1

gle mother, and eventually her two children after she and her husband separated after 11 years and 9 months. It even won her a Famas award for her performance in "Umiyak Pati Langit," which starred Helen Gamboa in 1969.

"I never chose the roles I played," she admitted. "If a role were offered to me, I would grab it immediately. I was the family's breadwinner. When my *lola* died after a lingering illness, we were broke. I had to work hard. Even if I wanted to go to college, I couldn't go back to school. My mother could not support her children. She was a single mom. She now lives in the US."

Delgado's father was an American who was in the Navy. She met him for the first time when she was already 23. But Delgado was with him when he died in his home in Los Angeles, California at the age of 91.

"I got from my father my mestiza looks," she said. "But I inherited from my mom my high cheekbones."

Her parents eventually separated, with her father returning to the US, and her mother teaming up with another man with whom she had four more children. Delgado refused to reveal her parents' names, saying she had

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER Avon, who became a beauty queen

never gone public with her private life.

Contentment in hard work

Of her first partner, the father of her son Kevin, a former actor, and daughter Avon, a former Bb. Pilipinas beauty queen, Delgado spoke vaguely, without revealing the man's identity and details of what had gone wrong in their union.

"He is a businessman and we're still friends," she said. "After we separated, I had to work harder. We split because I couldn't understand his lifestyle. I guess I was then too young to understand it. But now that I'm older, I could have acted differently."

"I am a forgiving person, but it's over be-

MARISSA/A2-3

MONDAYS 10:00 pm										MON-FRI 6:30 pm									
<div>PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER</div> <div>TV GUIDE</div> <div>MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2003</div>										<div>ClickTheCity.com</div>									
<div>POP81</div> <div>When celebrities hit the concert scene!</div>										<div>ABC</div> <div>for 1993</div> <div>SENTRO</div> <div>with Ali Sotto and John Susi</div>									
Channel	2:30PM	3:00PM	3:30PM	4:00PM	4:30PM	5:00PM	5:30PM	6:00PM	6:30PM	7:00PM	7:30PM	8:00PM	8:30PM	9:00PM	9:30PM	10:00PM	10:30PM	11:00PM	11:30PM
ABS-CBN 2				Showbiz No. 1	Sandra's Romance	Get Backers	Ragdoll	Marked Rider Ryuko	TV Patrol	Star Circle National Teen Quiz	Kyrala	Hiram	It Might Be You	Lovers in Paris	Star Circle Nat. Teen Quiz			Insider	Private I
NBN	Value Vision	Value Vision		Value Vision	Teledaryo	Value Vision		Gold & Glory in Grass	The Working President	Star Circle National Teen Quiz	Teledaryo								
ABC 5	Problema Nyo, Sapag Nyo (2:45 PM)	PBA Game-Bo (3:15 PM)	PBA																
GMA 7	Joyride (2:45 PM)	Joyride (3:15 PM)	Snow Angel (3:45 PM)																
RPN 9	Metro TV Shopping	V League																	
IBC 13				Ratsada Baka	One Piece	Rune Soldier	Slam Dunk	24 Oras	Extra Challenge	Just For Laughs	Dharma & Greg	Midwin (7:50 PM)	Starstruck (8:50 PM)	Forever in My Heart (9:20 PM)	Bubble Gang		Billboard On-Air		Sales
Solar		WWE Velocity																	
Nickelodeon	Dora, The Explorer	Little Bear	Blues Clues	WWE Velocity	All That	Rescue	100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd	Ozzy & Dixie	Heavy Gear	Whodunnit	WWE Smackdown								
MYX	Urban MYX	Rock MYX	Pop MYX	OPM MYX	Take 5	My MYX	MYX Daily Top 10	MYX Nightly	Entertainment Tonight	Justice League	Rock MYX	Pop MYX	Urban MYX	Star MYX	Out MYX	My MYX	MYX Badtack	OPM MYX	Mellow MYX
ETC	What I Like About You	JOX	The Today Show	The Today Show	Starting Over														
Studio 23																			
AXN	Big Shot's Funeral	The Bold & The Beautiful	Hollywood Squares	Home Improvement	Larry King Live	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport
Star World	Big Shot's Funeral	The Bold & The Beautiful	Hollywood Squares	Home Improvement	Larry King Live	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport	World News	World Sport
CNN	On Assignment	NG Site	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style
National Geographic	On Assignment	NG Site	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style
Solar Sports	On Assignment	NG Site	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style
Lifestyle Network	Country Style	Injuns By Design	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style	Decoding With Style
HBO	Black Cadillac (2:35 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)
Star Movies	Black Cadillac (2:35 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)	Year Of The Gun (3:15 PM)
Cartoon Network	Scoby-Doo Show	The All New Popeye Show	Richie Rich	Baby Looney Tunes	Marlin Mystery	Totally Spies	The Legend Of Tarzan	Lib & Stinky's Unlabeled Bunnies	Amerasia's Funniest Home Video	Wonderful World Of Disney	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell Of Fear	Run For The Dream: The Gail Devers Story	WWE Velocity	100 Deeds Of Eddie McDoow	Rocky Horror Picture Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager
ESPN	Kim Possible	Totally Spies	Lizzie McGuire	Marlin Mystery	Totally Spies	The Legend Of Tarzan	Lib & Stinky's Unlabeled Bunnies	Amerasia's Funniest Home Video	Wonderful World Of Disney	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell Of Fear	Run For The Dream: The Gail Devers Story	WWE Velocity	100 Deeds Of Eddie McDoow	Rocky Horror Picture Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager
Disney Channel	Kim Possible	Totally Spies	Lizzie McGuire	Marlin Mystery	Totally Spies	The Legend Of Tarzan	Lib & Stinky's Unlabeled Bunnies	Amerasia's Funniest Home Video	Wonderful World Of Disney	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell Of Fear	Run For The Dream: The Gail Devers Story	WWE Velocity	100 Deeds Of Eddie McDoow	Rocky Horror Picture Show	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager
Cinemax	Adrenaline	Mad About You	Word Of Honor	Play With Me Sesame	Wild Discovery	Non-Stop Hits	Ultimate Discovery	MTV Get Spotted	MTV Loveline	Full Metal Challenge	MTV Horrors	MTV Brand New	Be Seen @ MTV	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live	Backstage	Father Confessions
Discovery Channel	Power Zone	Non-Stop Hits	Ultimate Discovery	MTV Get Spotted	MTV Loveline	Full Metal Challenge	MTV Horrors	MTV Brand New	Be Seen @ MTV	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live	Backstage	Father Confessions	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live
MTV Philippines	Power Zone	Non-Stop Hits	Ultimate Discovery	MTV Get Spotted	MTV Loveline	Full Metal Challenge	MTV Horrors	MTV Brand New	Be Seen @ MTV	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live	Backstage	Father Confessions	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live
Sports Plus	Power Zone	Non-Stop Hits	Ultimate Discovery	MTV Get Spotted	MTV Loveline	Full Metal Challenge	MTV Horrors	MTV Brand New	Be Seen @ MTV	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live	Backstage	Father Confessions	MTV Asia Hitlist	Inside the PGA	NFL Gametrack	WTA Finals Live
EWTN	Dore The Church	Angels (2:15 PM)	Stations Of The Cross	Image Of God	Faith Factory	The Holy Rosary With Mother Mary	Search And Rescue	Your Call	EWTN Gallery	Life On The Rock Encores	Gospel Of Life In Health Care	Defending Life	Daily Mass	Angels (2:15 PM)	Stations Of The Cross	Image Of God	Faith Factory	The Holy Rosary With Mother Mary	Search And Rescue

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

TANONG NG BAYAN

**SALOT SA ILLEGAL LOGGING,
BAKIT HINDI MASUGPO?**

WIN A 21" TV! TEXT 2910 NOW!

Ngayong Huwebes.

alaga ng gabii

Dito lang sa



Marissa Delgado, ex-Playboy...



MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER roles. "It doesn't matter. That's still acting."



WITH the late Nida Blanca



FROM HONORABLE profession to reputable business, Delgado says, "I still have dreams."

From page A2-2

tween us. I had a lot of fears then. But both my children understand my life."

She found contentment in hard work after the death of her grandmother, whom she said had given her a good life.

"I had to work hard then to support my family and my extended family," Delgado said. "Okay lang. I love them and I didn't mind. I did not want to be idle. I even had a small business on the side while doing movies."

She sold whatever clothes and fashion accessories were in vogue to her fellow movie stars, like Faded Glory jeans.

"I sold perfumes, all kinds of goods," she said. "My colleagues joked about my car being a rolling store. It was a good sideline. The stars always bought in bulk."

She said she even sold Loyola Memorial life plans at the time the product was still being introduced and no one had a concept of what it was.

"I was probably one of the first people who sold life plans," she said. "It was hard selling life plans then, but I was still able to sell a few."

A house in Alabang

At the peak of her movie career, Delgado made 15 movies a year. She considers her role in the late director Lino Brocka's landmark film about homosexuality, "Tubog sa Ginto," one of her greatest parts.

"I was proud to be in the film," she said. "I played Eddie Garcia's supposed girlfriend to hide his true personality of a closet queen."

When movie offers, including villain roles dwindled, Delgado turned to television. She was a mainstay on the '80s soap "Anna Lisa" and the sitcom "Duplex," both on Channel 7.

"I was able to build my house in Ayala Alabang because of these shows," Delgado revealed. "But it's not a mansion, ha. I never cling to something I cannot afford. I always start small."

It was also at about this time when Delgado put up her talent agency.

"I knew I was going to need it when I no longer had movie assignments," Delgado admitted. "I want to have a secure old age. Also, I have, I think, been blessed with good business acumen."

"I thrive on business. I thought of this business of recruiting talents for overseas postings because I am part of the performing arts. Fate brought me here, I'm sure. I know what it's like to be a performer so I don't have to depend on other people to manage the business. I know its heart and soul."

Delgado's company has its own training centers for performing artists. Recently, she added a training module for caregivers and nurses whom she also deploys overseas.

"This way, I can help the country in providing jobs," she said. "Our training is rigid, and we have professional trainers."

A wiser actress

Her company is an ISO-certified company, including its training centers, according to Delgado. An ISO certification guarantees that a company is aligned with global standards.

To keep herself abreast with business trends, Delgado has not stopped attending workshops and seminars, including a course in managing for the arts at the Asian Institute of Management.

If she had her way, Delgado would like to relive her life as an actress, but wiser than she had been in the '60s. She claims there were no bad experiences she wants to undo, but there had been disappointments and minor frustrations she would have wanted to resolve. Like when she did not accept a role in Peque Gallaga's first film, "Oro, Plata, Mata."

"The role played by Mitch Valdez in the movie was offered to me," Delgado revealed. "I did not accept it because it had a nude scene. Although they promised me that it

would be shot from the back, I still felt squeamish about going naked. I know now that I should have accepted the role. I should have trusted Peque more. But that time, I did not know him."

Once in a while, Delgado would still get movie offers to play grandmother roles. She also gets assignments on TV soaps. "But it doesn't matter," she said. "That's still acting."

She claims she has forgotten her last big movie role.

"The truth is time has already passed me by," Delgado said.

But she still has dreams.

"Like I want to have my own TV show," she confided. "I still have more dreams. I don't lose hope easily. I can't be hopeless. There would always be hope for me because I always have faith."



'60 STAR. She joined the movies a year after finishing high school.

NOW ON ITS 3RD WEEK!

SANTA SANTITA
A LAURICE GUILLEN Film A TONY GLORIA Production

"In the tradition of all memorable storytelling, Santa Santita entertains, illuminates and inspires."
Ruben Cruz, Jr. -PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

"Santa Santita... among the best local film we've seen so far"
Dinno Erece -BANDERA

"Santa Santita... provide(s) a consummate moviegoing experience"
Juaniyo Arcellana, -THE PHILIPPINE STAR

"Jericho and Angelica prove that they are great actors. Jericho... proves his versatility by tackling a wide range of emotions. Angelica is the real revelation."
Edsel Lorete, -DAILY TRIBUNE

RELEASED BY: UNICO entertainment

And coming soon, from Unifil Pictures, Peque Gallaga's PINOY BLONDE -Isang makulit na pelikula!

UP UNIVERSAL RECORDS and V2

In cooperation with

Information Gateway

PADDOK'S

SKECHERS

present

MALL SHOWCASE & AUTOGRAPH SIGNING
DEC. 4 (SAT) SM FAIRVIEW 4 PM
DEC. 5 (SUN) SM MEGAMALL 6 PM

Our international r&b pop sensation

BILLY CRAWFORD

PHILIPPINE PROMO TOUR DECEMBER 3-7, 2004



After selling 2 million records, Billy's back with a brand new album **BIG CITY** featuring BRIGHT LIGHTS, MAGAZINE, 3 WISHES, COWBOY, WHY and more...
To get ringtones just text BILLY to 2346. Open to all Globe, Smart and Sun subscribers.

All-Digital Cinemas



The fun is in the finds

Developed and managed by Ayala Land, Inc.

Movie tickets for sale at the Ground Floor Fiesta Market and Customer Service Booth

Free Seating Cinemas: P70.00

- ① Bcuz of U
- ② The Polar Express
- ③ National Treasure
- ④ Pasiyam

Guaranteed Seats Cinemas: P90.00

- ⑤ Seed of Chucky
- ⑥ Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
- ⑦ Alexander

Movies are subject to change without prior notice. Customer Service Hotline: 886-7516



GUYITO MISSING

- Look for specially-marked Guyito coupon in the pages of the Inquirer everyday.
- Cut out, put your name, address, contact number and signature.
- Drop at designated dropboxes.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER





Where to Stop Where to Go

A weekly directory
of the country's best establishments

NEW WORLD RENAISSANCE HOTEL
New World Renaissance Hotel
Esperanza St. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City
Tel. 811-6888/Fax 811-6777
www.marriott.com

INTERCONTINENTAL
Intercontinental Manila
1 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Tel. 815-9711
www.intercontinental.com

Dusit Hotel Nikko
Dusit Hotel Nikko
Ayala Center, 1223 Makati City Phil.
Tel. 867-3333 Email: dustimnl@dusit.com
http://manila.dusit.com

Evercrest Golf Club Resort, Inc.
Km. 72 Batulao, Nasugbu, Batangas
Tel. (02) 712-9282 to 98
Fax (02) 712-9299
Manila Sales Office 733-3822/733-9955

Mactan Island Resort
Punta Engano Road, Lapu-Lapu Cebu
Tel. (632) 231-0288/Fax (632) 231-1688
www.shangri-la.com

The Bellevue Manila
North Bridgeway, Northgate
Alabang, Muntinlupa
Tel. (632) 771-8181/Fax (632) 771-8282
www.thebellevue.com.ph

ASTORIA
Astoria Plaza
151, Escriba Drive, Ortigas Business District,
Pasig City 1600
Tel. 687-1111/Fax 910-0370
Email: sales@astoriaplaza.com

City Garden Hotel-Makati
Makati Ave., cor. Kalayaan St., Makati City
Tel. (02) 899-1111/Fax (02) 899-1415
Email: makaticitygardenhotels.com

Executive Plaza Hotel
1630 A Mabini St., Malate, Manila
Tel. 523-1000/Fax 525-8979
Email: sales@executiveplazahotel.com
www.executiveplazahotel.com

City Garden Suites
1158A Mabini St., Ermita, Manila
Tel. 536-1451/Fax 524-4844
Email: cityreservations@citygardenhotels.com

HOTEL VENIZ
Hotel Veniz
No. 1 Abanosa St., Baguio City
Tel. (074) 446-0700 to 03
Fax (074) 446-0704
Email: hotelveniz@skyinet.net
www.hotelveniz.com

SUPREME
Hotel Supreme
113 Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City
Tel. (074) 443-2011 to 18/Fax (074) 442-2855

Skyrise Hotel
18 Dominican Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 445-6834 to 36/Fax (074) 443-3897

THE MARCO POLO
The Marco Polo
CM Recto St., Davao City 8000
Tel. (082) 221-0888/Fax (082) 225-0111
www.marcopohotels.com

Grand Regal Hotel Davao
J. P. Laurel St., Lanang, Davao City
Tel. (382) 886-4325/(382) 234-3858

Taal Vista Hotel
Managed by Fuego Hotels & Properties
Km. 60 Aginaldo Highway, Tagaytay City
Tel. (632) 886-4325/(632) 413-1000

Mandarin Oriental Manila
Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati Ave., Makati City
Tel. 750-8888
www.mandarinoriental.com

Makati Shangri-La
Makati Shangri-La Hotel
Ayala Ave. cor. Makati Ave., Makati City
Tel. 813-8888/Fax 813-5499
www.shangri-la.com

THE PENINSULA
The Peninsula Manila Hotel
Cor. Ayala Ave. & Makati Ave., Makati City
Tel. 810-3456/Fax 815-4825

GARDEN PLAZA
Garden Plaza Hotel & Suites
1030 Belen St., Paco, Manila
Tel. (632) 522-4835/Fax (632) 522-4840

Waterfront Hotel Lahug
1 Salinas Drive, Lahug Cebu City
Tel. (6332) 232-6888/Fax (6332) 232-6880
www.waterfronthotels.net

Waterfront Hotel Mactan
1 Airport Road, Lapu-Lapu City, 6015
Tel. (6332) 340-4888/Fax (6332) 340-5693
www.waterfronthotels.net

THE ROYAL MANDAYA HOTEL
Royal Mandaya Hotel
J. Palma St. Davao City
Tel. (082) 225-8888/Fax (082) 225-1888

Camp John Hay Manor
Loakan Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 446-0231 to 50

City Travel Hotel
15 Kinsad Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 445-0456/Fax (074) 445-0457

Cooyeesan Hotel Plaza
Naguilian cor. Asin Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 447-8888 to 93/(074) 447-8895 to 98
Fax. (074) 447-0494

Golden Pine Hotel and Restaurant
Intersection of Carino St. and Legarda
Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 444-9978 to 71/740-8975/
Fax. (074) 446-0704
Email: goldenpinehotel@skyinet.net

SOMERSET
Somerset Salcedo, Makati
H.V. dela Costa St., cor. L.P. Levista St., Salcedo Village, 1227 Makati City
Tel. 888-6668/Fax: 888-6655

SOMERSET
Somerset Millennium, Makati
No. 104 Aguirre St., Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City
Tel. 888-0505/Fax: 812-7721

SOMERSET
Somerset Olympia, Makati
No. 7912, Makati Ave., 1220 Makati City
Tel. 812-1010/Fax: 818-8254

Oakwood
Oakwood Premier Ayala Center
6th Floor, Gloria 4, Ayala Center
Makati City, Metro Manila
Tel. (632) 729-8888 loc. 8101/Fax: (632) 728-0000/ochu@oakwood.com.ph
www.oakwood.com

SUMMER PLACE HOTEL
Summer Place Hotel
Km. 288 Marcos Highway, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 446-0540, 446-5400-01
www.SummerPlaceBaguio.com

The country's largest indoor Christmas tree at Waterfront Cebu City

Majestic and exalting with a 'Crown Jewels' theme, the hotel's Christmas tree is the largest indoor Christmas tree in the Philippines



REMEMBER how it used to feel being young and new to the world, and just getting caught up in the loving warmth, pure happiness and excitement of Christmas? Do we still have even a glimpse or a glimmer of it within ourselves? Not knowing what presents we're getting and hoping against hope we catch our favorite jolly old man in red.

To start off the season, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino opens its Bibingka and Puto Bumbong Corner for the whole month of December from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. What better way to enjoy our Filipino tradition of a long Christmas Season than to gather friends and family for a merienda sienna filled with

lip-smacking Filipino delicacies with hot chocolate or Salabat amidst a perfect Christmas setting with a perfectly colossal Christmas Tree.

Quite a sight to behold, Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino's Christmas Tree stands 30 feet tall. Majestic and exalting with a "Crown Jewels" theme, the hotel's Christmas tree, the largest indoor Christmas tree in the Philippines, brings sparkle and a little extra twinkle to this year's Christmas season. As you come in to the hotel's newly renovated lobby, one can't help but look in awe and wonder at the gigantic symbol of Christmas resurrected right in the middle of

all the hustle and bustle of hospitality traffic. Children gather around and stare at what must seem a truly astounding spectacle for their clear and innocent little eyes to perceive while more mature guests, both local and foreign, pick the right spot for that perfect shot. Cameras flash, warmth fills everyone's souls, our spirits are lifted and laughter resounds throughout the air, it seems Christmas is finally here - at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino.

For inquiries or reservations, call the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel at tel. no. 232-6888 (local 8600) or Manila Sales and Reservations Office at (02) 687-0888.



A grand time at the greens

MORE than 50 golfers from southern Metro Manila's business sector converged for a day of fun and friendship at Alabang Country Club for the Bellevue Manila-Smart Infinity Golf Fellowship. Alabang's movers and shakers, expatriates and top executives who remain loyal to The Bellevue Hotel were treated to a day of exciting golfing action, as well as premium giveaways and raffle prizes. The event also heralds the imminent opening of The Bellevue Grand Ballroom in December, the biggest and

grandest convention facility to rise in the area.

In the awarding ceremonies held at the hotel's 20/20 entertainment center, golfers refreshed themselves with choice canapés and superb spirits from Future Trade Wines. The Bellevue Manila-Smart Infinity Golf Fellowship winners, who were given special prizes and trophies by The Bellevue executive assistant manager Patrick Chan and communications manager Ryan Chan, include Low Net Champion Danny Yu, Low Gross Cham-

pion Jojo Guingona, Class A Champion Rey Capinanes, Class B Champion Jun Valerio, Class A 1st Runner Up Art Zuluaga, Class B 1st Runner Up Bonifacio Domingo, Class A 2nd Runner Up Peter Ong and Class B 2nd Runner Up Rolando Enriquez. Bellevue executives also gave away gift certificates in the raffle, as well as DVD players, home theater systems, flat TVs, a set of Goodyear tires of any choice and a golfing holiday at Suteria Resort in Kota Kinabalu. Call The Bellevue at 771-8181 for inquiries.

Dusit Hotel Nikko's Christmas room package

CHRISTMAS is indeed just around the corner and everyone is busy doing their Christmas shopping. Would it be nice to shop where everything is accessible - the shopping area and the place where you can rest and at the same time receive perks you just can't resist?

From Dec. 1, to Jan. 15, 2005, Dusit Hotel Nikko offers the "Shop 'till You Drop Holiday Room Package". Stay either in a deluxe room pegged at P4,500 nett per room per night or in a corner deluxe room priced at P5,500 nett per room per night and enjoy these privileges: buffet breakfast for two at the Café, receive a Discount Card at the Ayala Commercial Center, a dining gift certificate worth P500 or P1,000, enjoy drop-off or pick-up transfers to or from Greenbelt Mall and Rockwell Power Plant Mall and use of the sauna and gym at Clark Hatch Fitness Centre.

Extra person charge is P1,975 nett per person per night. The Shop 'till You Drop Holiday Room Package is applicable to local residents and expatriates with ACR.

For queries and reservations, please call the sales office at 819-2559 or the reservations at 867-3333 local 3131-3134.

Christmas at City Garden Hotel Makati

CITY GARDEN Hotel Makati, the "All Occasion, Location" when it comes to your party needs, recently launched its Christmas Party Packages that provide hassle-free arrangements sure to make your event a success.

For as low as P35,000+, the package is inclusive of a buffet menu, Christmas décor and sound system. Menus include Fiesta Filipino, Western, Fisherman's Fare or City Garden Menus. Reception venues may be held at its cozy, fully-equipped function rooms or at the al fresco Rooftop Bar & Grill and swimming pool that gives a spectacular view of the metropolis.

For those special Christmas family get-togethers, City Garden Hotel Makati's Party Package comes for as low as P24,750+ inclusive of buffet menu or barbecue grill for 35 persons, use of the function room, free complimentary dish, and discounts on drinks.

For those needing hotel accommodation, for as low as P1,350 per person on a twin-sharing basis, one can enjoy the hotel's tastefully ele-

gant guest rooms, inclusive of a choice of free sumptuous buffet breakfast for two or a Spa service at the hotel's Body & Face by Mendez, free use of its open-air swimming pool at the Rooftop and fully equipped Gym.

The fully-equipped Gym, set at the hotel's upper penthouse on the 23rd floor, offers guests a healthy alternative to enjoy each other's company. This glass-walled gym provides guests a magnificent view of the metropolis while working out.

For those needing extra pampering, the Body & Face by Mendez recently opened at the hotel's penthouse level. This spa has US-sourced products and well-trained therapists and doctors who administer an array of refreshing and rejuvenating facial and body treatments, body massage, weight loss program, Botox, and other anti-ageing and health care services



at very affordable prices. For just a few extra pesos, guests can stay in one of the Asian-inspired Spa rooms inclusive of a Spa service, free use of the swimming pool and gym.

For reservations or inquiries, call 899-1111.

National fetish for gossip

WE WERE finally able to watch Jessica Soho's new GMA-7 show, "Kapuso Mo," last Sunday. We were glad that the episode opted to focus on the topic of gossip, since we feel that Filipinos' obsession with poking our noses into other people's business is one reason why we're in such a mess.

This is because, when we bitchily concern ourselves with other folks' private lives, especially with their seamier and smellier aspects, we dissipate our energies and don't focus on what we can do about our own problems.

Also, we assume a holier-than-thou attitude that is actually a cover-up for our own misery loving other miserable people's company!

So, it's healthy for a TV show to explore the various factors and issues related to gossip, especially in the Philippines, where *chismis* has become a major draw on TV.

The situation is exacerbated by the fact that local gossip has expanded from its original base in show business, to now include *chismis* about other aspects of society, like politics and Manila's 400.

In fact, TV's fascination with gossip now includes even the sordid lives of non-celebrities, all the way down to the barangay or neighborhood level, as long as their sins and excesses are vile enough to both shock and titillate the TV audience.

In the light of these developments, Jessica Soho's show did viewers a distinct service by throwing its spotlight on our national fetish for gossip.

However, after a while, the show frittered away its initial advantage by tackling too many sub-topics, and consequently not devoting enough time to any of them for them to be worth our while.

Among other sallies, the episode debunked the hoary rumor about Rizal being Hitler's tatay, the presence of a woman-eating snake in the ladies' room of a big department store, and a town in the south notorious for its resident *aswangs*.

The show conducted an "experiment" that consisted of a fake scandal staged in an FX taxi, after which the other passengers were encouraged to gossip about what they had just witnessed.

What were the "experiment's" findings? That the gossip about the scandal was predictably know-it-all, misinformed, speculative and bitchy. And that, contrary to general belief, men could be as bitchy as women!

Fine, but these were rather slim pickings for a 30-minute show. In future, we hope that the program opts to focus on fewer sub-topics, so that it can really do justice to them.

We would also like to see the show go deeper into topic up for discussion, so that more solid and en-



Nestor U. Torre

lightening insights can be arrived at. With Jessica at the helm, the refocusing stands a good chance of succeeding.

'Laro' STARTING Dec. 3, Theater Now, the laboratory arm of Gantimpala Theater Foundation, will stage "Laro" at Studio 2 at the Concert

at the Park auditorium, Rizal Park. "Laro" is the adaptation of Arthur Schnitzler's play for 10 male actors, led by Julien Mendoza,

NATIONAL/A2-6

MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

Cinema 2000 Target Mall (Sta. Rosa, Laguna) tel (049) 837.0926 1 RESERVED 2 RESERVED 3 RESERVED 4 RESERVED	Lianas MovieCity (Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202 1 AFTER THE SUNSET 2 MAKAW NA SANDALI 3 ALEXANDER 4 TAXI 5 PASIYAM	Jade Cinema (Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03 1 ALEXANDER 2 SAW 3 BRIDGET JONES 4 NATIONAL TREASURE
Cinema 2000 Target Mall (Sta. Rosa, Laguna) tel (049) 837.0926 1 RESERVED 2 RESERVED 3 RESERVED 4 RESERVED	Mega Center Mall (Cabanatuan City) tel (044) 463.3283 1 BCUZ OF U 2 ALEXANDER 3 BEFORE SUNSET 4 THE INCREDIBLE	Cine Nepo (Angeles City) tel (045) 887.0121 1 BCUZ OF U 2 ALEXANDER 3 NATIONAL TREASURE 4 BRIDGET JONES
Cinema 2000 Waltermart (Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383 1 PASIYAM 2 AFTER THE SUNSET 3 TAXI 4 ALEXANDER	Fiesta World Mall (Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790 1 AFTER THE SUNSET 2 NATIONAL TREASURE 3 TAXI 4 FOREVER MY LOVE	Cine Nepo (Dagupan City) tel (075) 515.8409 1 BCUZ OF U 2 WICKER PARK 3 AFTER THE SUNSET 4 BEFORE SUNSET
Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall (Binan) tel (049) 411.1146 1 BCUZ OF U 2 ALEXANDER 3 TAXI 4 PASIYAM	Cinema 2000 Cinemagix (Urdaneta) tel (075) 568.6771 1 AFTER THE SUNSET 2 BCUZ OF U 3 SURVIVING CHRISTMAS 4	Centre Plaza Cinema (Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007 1 SKY CAPTAIN 2 SHARK TALE
Cinema 2000 Cinemagix (Urdaneta) tel (075) 568.6771 1 AFTER THE SUNSET 2 BCUZ OF U 3 SURVIVING CHRISTMAS 4	Cinema 2000 Metrotown (Tarlac) tel (045) 982.1729 1 BCUZ OF U 2 WICKER PARK 3 OUT OF REACH 4 TAXI	Cinema 2000 Waltermart (Plaridel) tel (044) 795.3320 1 PASIYAM 2 BCUZ OF U 3 NATIONAL TREASURE

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE



CINEMA ACCESS
635-5555
FOR ALL BRANCHES

www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

REGIONAL CINEMAS

STA. ROSA (049) 837-0907 LIPA (043) 757-3554 (043) 312-6870

1 ALEXANDER	1 AFTER THE SUNSET
2 PA-SIYAM	2 SAW
3 AFTER THE SUNSET	3 THE GRUDGE
4 TAXI	4 TAXI
5 NATIONAL TREASURE	5 NATIONAL TREASURE

DASMARINAS (048) 962-2125 (048) 918-4332 ANGELES (045) 892-2348

1 FIRST DAUGHTER	1 NATIONAL TREASURE
2 AFTER THE SUNSET	2 SAW
3 SURVIVING CHRISTMAS	3 BRIDGET JONES 2
4 NATIONAL TREASURE	4 ALEXANDER
5 SEED OF CHUCKY	

IMUS (045) 875-3932 STARMILLS (045) 875-1927 (045) 471-5168

1 SURVIVING CHRISTMAS	1 SAW
2 AFTER THE SUNSET	2 PA-SIYAM
3 PA-SIYAM	3 BRIDGET JONES 2
4 NATIONAL TREASURE	4 NATIONAL TREASURE
5 ALEXANDER	5 ALEXANDER
6 SEED OF CHUCKY	6 SUPERBABIES: BABY GENIUSES 2

BACOLOD (034) 441-0459 ILOILO (033) 336-8070 (034) 441-0459

1 ALEXANDER	1 NATIONAL TREASURE
2 THE INCREDIBLES	2 PA-SIYAM
3 THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE	3 ALEXANDER
4 THE GRUDGE	4 THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE
5 THE FORGOTTEN	5 BEFORE SUNSET
6 SURVIVING CHRISTMAS	6 THE INCREDIBLES

Purchase any of the Frito Lay products (Lay's, Doritos, Lay's Stax, Cheetos and Ruffles) with Promo Sticker

Present the empty promo packs at the ticket booth and pay only P50.00 on Premier Prepaid Card

One (1) Promo Pack = One (1) Discounted Ticket
Maximum redemption of two (2) tickets only per visit.

See Promo Posters for more details.

NOVEMBER 15 to DECEMBER 15, 2004

See'Em!!

AYALA CINEMAS

Movies/schedules may change without prior notice. For verification call 729-7777

ATC ALABANG TOWN CENTER	G1 GLORIETTA 1	G4 GLORIETTA 4	GB3 GREENBELT 3	ACC AYALA CENTER CEBU
1 ALEXANDER	1 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON	1 THE POLAR EXPRESS	1 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON	1 ALEXANDER
2 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON	2 ALEXANDER	2 SEED OF CHUCKY	2 ALEXANDER	2 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON
3 SEED OF CHUCKY		3 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON	3 THE POLAR EXPRESS	3 FIRST DAUGHTER
4 THE POLAR EXPRESS	3 THE POLAR EXPRESS	4 CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS	4 NATIONAL TREASURE	4 THE FORGOTTEN
5 CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS	4 PASIYAM	5 BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON	5 SEED OF CHUCKY	5 PASIYAM

At the Activity Center

GLORIETTA	ALABANG TOWN CENTER	AYALA CENTER CEBU
ALADDIN & JASMINE GETS STARSTRUCK December 2 to 5, 2004	"HOLIDAY DRESSING FOR KIDS" FASHION SHOW December 5, 2004	AYALA FOUNDATIONS OPENING CEREMONY December 4 and 5, 2004

ENTERTAINMENT LIVE!

GREENBELT 2	GREENBELT 3
GREENBELT 2: MUSIC STYLES featuring ACOUSTIC JIVE December 3, 7:00pm to 10:00pm	CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT GREENBELT 3 U.P. Vocal Ensemble (Dec. 3 and 5), U.P. Singing Ambassadors (Dec. 4)

REPERTORY PHILIPPINES presents THE WIZARD OF OZ at REP's GLOBE THEATER - November 13 to December 19, 2004

Ayala MUSEUM Visit the New Ayala Museum located beside Greenbelt 4 along Makati Avenue. For inquiries, please call 757-7117

Give them the gift of total entertainment.

for only P200

Ayala Cinemas Ticket Timezone Passes Taters/Chimara Cine-Snack

Available in all Taters/Chimara and Ayala Cinemas
Glorietta 1 & 4, Greenbelt 1 & 3, Alabang Town Center and Ayala Center Cebu

Aladdin & Jasmine Get Starstruck!

featuring:
Mark Herras & Jennilyn Mercado
Rainier Castillo & Yasmin Kurdi
Directed by Freddie Santos

ALADDIN & JASMINE GET STARSTRUCK SHOW SCHEDULE:

AYALA CENTER MAKATI
Dec 2 & 3 - 6:30pm
Dec 4 & 5 - 11:30am, 3pm & 6pm
Glorietta Activity Center
Reserved seats for the first 50
Discount Film Connoisseurs
Customer Service Hotline: 757-7777
Text your comments: 0917 605300

ALABANG TOWN CENTER
Dec 10 - 5pm
Dec 11 - 3pm & 6pm
Dec 12 - 11am, 3pm & 6pm
Activity Center
Customer Service Hotlines: 842-2782 & 772-1640

AYALA CENTER CEBU
Dec 18 - 11am, 4pm & 7:30pm
Dec 19 - 11:30am, 3pm & 6:30pm
Activity Center
Customer Service Hotline: (032) 231-5342 loc. 324

AYALA MALLS
Lovemall!
www.ayalamall.com.ph

TOM HANKS
THE POLAR EXPRESS
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON... BELIEVE

NOW SHOWING IN
AYALA CINEMAS
MTRCB Rating: General Audience (G)

CUSTOMER SERVICE TEXT HOTLINE: 0917-6095900 • CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE: Glorietta - 752-7272; from 10am to 8pm • Greenbelt - 757-4853; from 11am to 12am • Alabang Town Center - 842-2782; from 10am to 8pm
Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231-5342 loc. 324 • AYALA CINEMA LINKS: For screening times call 729-7777.
Reserve your seats by texting SURESEATS GB3 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart).
Or log on to www.sureseats.com for web reservations.

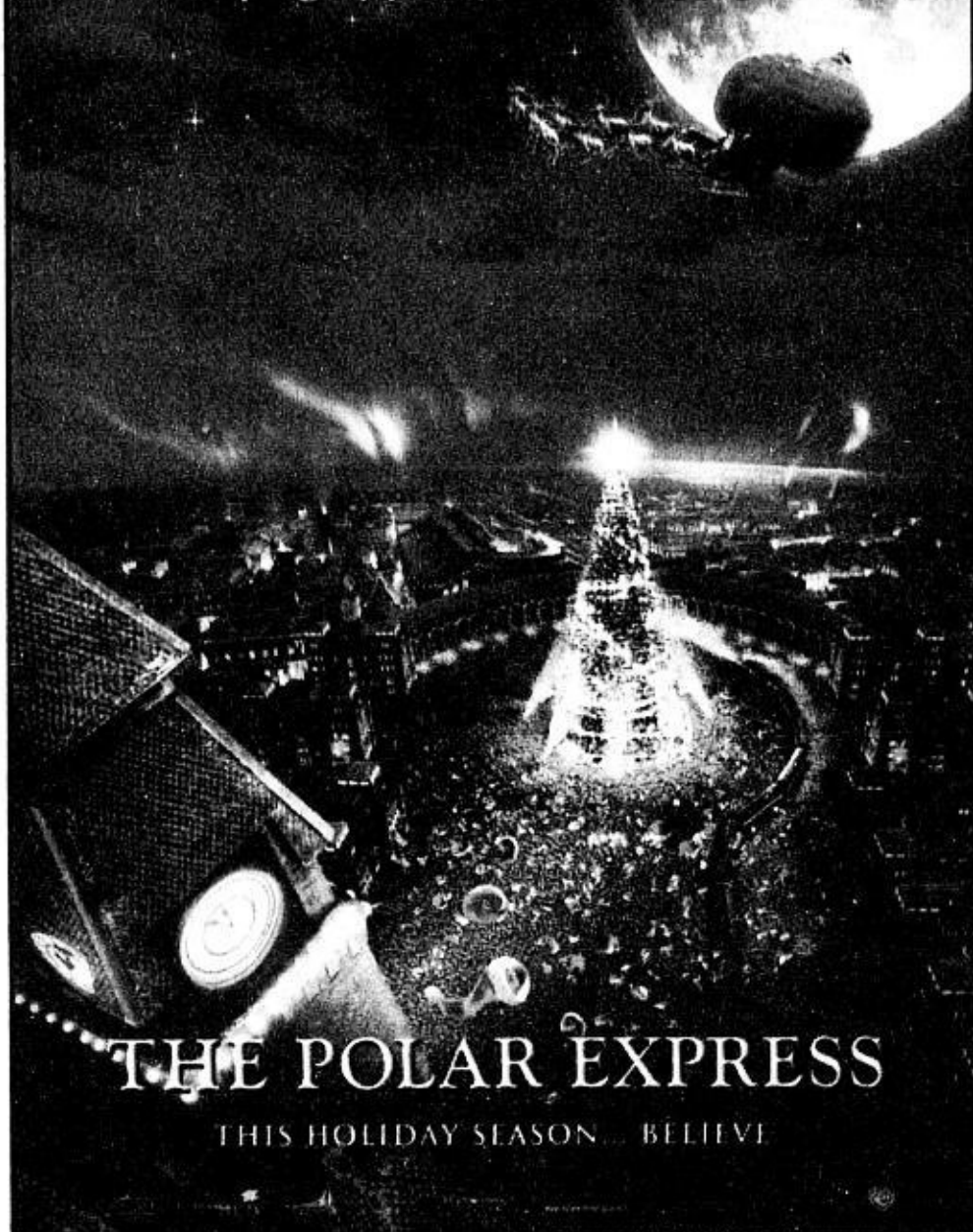
AYALA CENTER ALABANG TOWN CENTER AYALA CENTER CEBU

Lovemall!

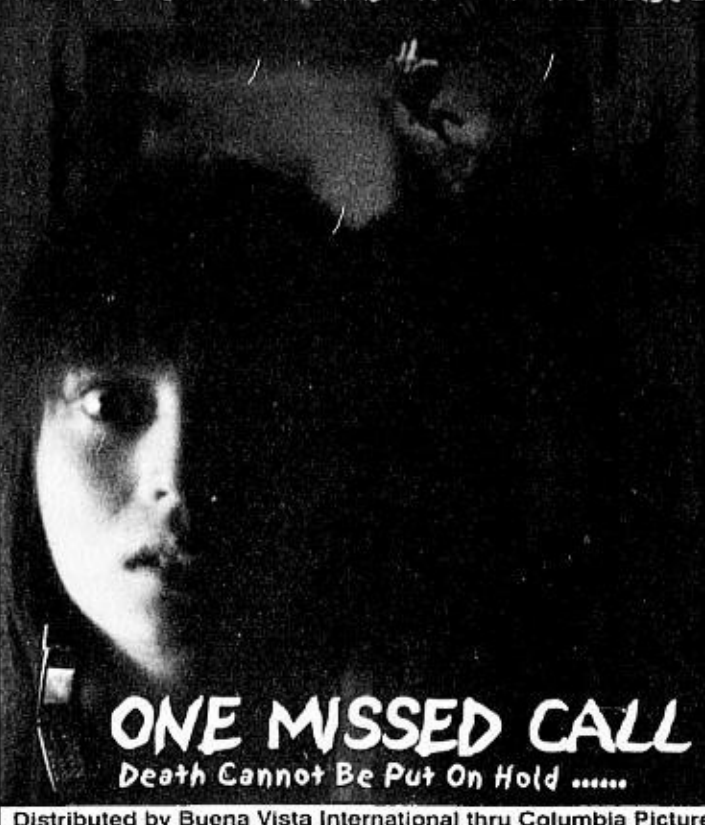
NOW SHOWING

MTRCB 16 General Audiences ALL AGES ADMITTED

TOM HANKS



Opens December 8

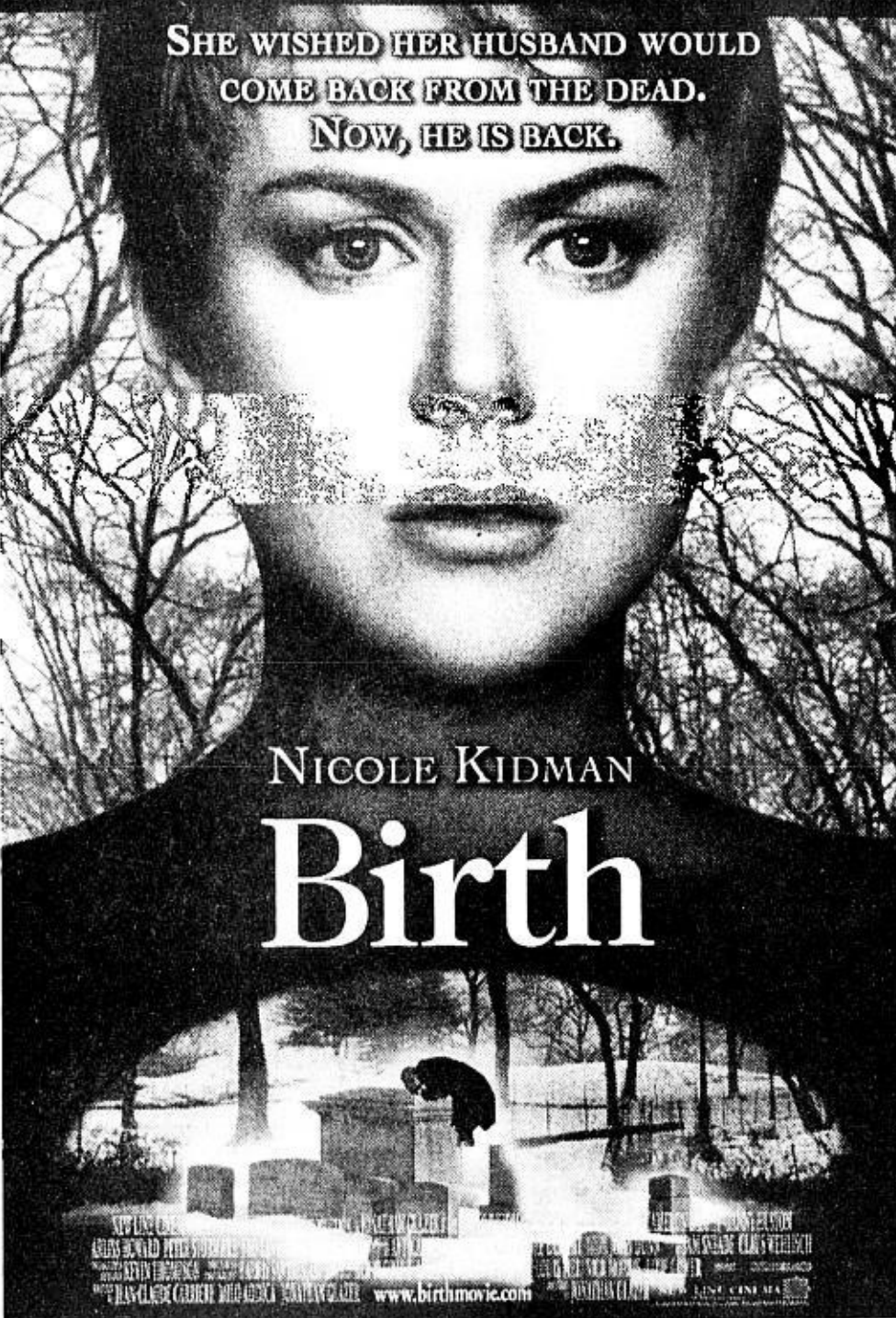
MTRCB 13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS AND UP
From the creators of The Ring and Ju-On: The Grudge 2

BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER

Popstar Sarah Geronimo shines even brighter. Sarah recently received a quintuple platinum award from composer and record producer Vehnee Saturno (left) and Viva Records A & R director Eugene Villaluz for her first album, "Popstar...A Dream Come True," which features hits such as "Forever's Not Enough," "If Only," "Broken Vow" (duet with Mark Bautista) and "Sa Iyo." The album has sold more than 150,000 units. Sarah is promoting her new album, "Sweet Sixteen." She will have a Grand Fans Day on Dec. 12, 2 p.m. at SM North Edsa, sponsored by Video City, Skechers, Red Box Karaoke, Freego Jeans and Shirts, Charmee, MYX and Discovery Suites.

OPENS DECEMBER 8

A HAUNTING THRILLER THAT WILL KEEP YOU GUESSING UNTIL THE VERY END.



National fetish for...

From page A2-5

and directed by Floy Quintos.

On Dec. 10 and 11, the play will be presented at the CCP's Tanghalang Huseng Batute. Call 879-5745.

'U Gotta Feel Me'

LIE FLIP'S third album, "U Gotta Feel Me," is a two-disc collection of street-smart savvy mixed with crossover appeal.

The 21-track album features collaborations with hip-hop stars and fresh talents, like Ludacris in "Bring Da Pain" and Cam'ron "All I know."

ABS-CBN shows

BOBOT Mortiz makes his comeback on ABS-CBN with his guest appearance on Dec. 4 in "Home Along D' Airport." Also, see how the Alyssa Gibbs-Camille Prats rivalry affects the whole "Hada" neighborhood. And Aubrey Miles openly admires Carlo Maceda.

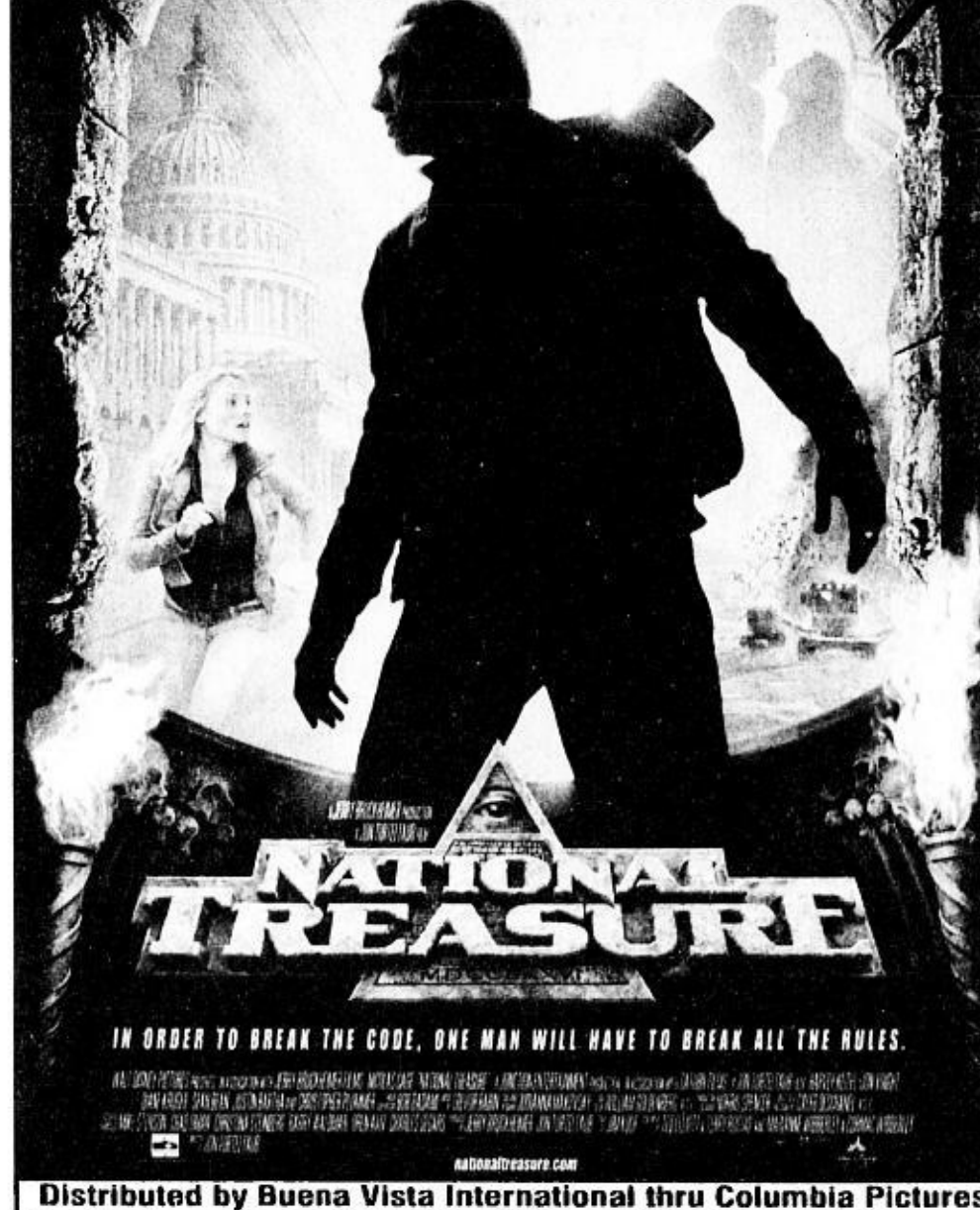
And, on Dec. 5 on "Ang Tanging Ina," Ai-Ai exposes the truth as she attends her first Senate inquiry!

NOW SHOWING

MTRCB 16 General Audiences ALL AGES ADMITTED

FROM THE PRODUCER OF "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN"

NICOLAS CAGE



OPENS DECEMBER 8



Ready to face off against the police. The Kelly Gang did their best to protect themselves from gunfire. Making use of homemade steel helmets and chest plates to stop bullets. (PHOTO BELOW)



MOVIE Delights

Choose any of the Frito Lay products (Lay's, Doritos, Star, Cheetos and Ruffles) with Promo Sticker

Present the empty promo packs at the ticket booth and pay only P60.00 on Premier Prepaid Card

One (1) Promo Pack = One (1) Discounted Ticket

Maximum redemption of two (2) tickets only per visit

Promo Posters for more details

Lays **Doritos** **Star** **Cheetos** **Ruffles**

NOVEMBER 15 to DECEMBER 15, 2004

SM movietime

RENÉE ZELLWEGER HUGH GRANT COLIN FIRTH

BRIDGET JONES

THE EDGE OF REASON

SAME BRIDGET. BRAND NEW DIARY.



I whattowatch I

ALEXANDER

Subject to MTRCB RATING

SM Baguio
Cinema 3SM Cebu
Cinema 8SM Cagayan
Cinema 1SM Pampanga
Cinema 3SM Bacoor
Cinema 3SM Iloilo
Cinema 3SM Davao
Cinema 1

BCUZ OF U

Subject to MTRCB RATING

SM Dasmariñas
Cinema 3SM Davao
Cinema 5SM Batangas
Cinema 2SM Bacoor
Cinema 4SM Cebu
Cinema 7SM Lucena
Cinema 4SM Pampanga
Cinema 1

THE INCREDIBLES

MTRCB Rating: G

SM Iloilo
Cinema 4BUNNY GUARDS
SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATINGSM Davao
Cinema 2NATIONAL TREASURE
MTRCB Rating: G

SM Iloilo SM Pampanga
Cinema 6 Cinema 4
SM Marikina SM Batangas
Cinema 3 Cinema 3
SM Davao SM Bacoor
Cinema 6 Cinema 5
SM Cebu SM Lucena
Cinema 1 Cinema 1
SM Dasmariñas
Cinema 1
SM Baguio
Cinema 1

THE POLAR EXPRESS
MTRCB Rating: G

SM Batangas
Cinema 3
SM Bacoor
Cinema 7
SM Cebu
Cinema 3

SANTA SANTITA
MTRCB Rating: PG-13SM Bacoor
Cinema 1Movies are subject to change without prior notice. For complete movie schedule, visit www.smcinema.com

SHOW TIME



"CINDERELLA STORY" with Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray

Hilary Duff, Olsens on original videos

HILARY Duff's "Cinderella Story" and the Olsen twins' first feature film, "New York Minute," will soon be released on Video by Warner Home Video.

First known for their roles as 9-month-old babies in the ABC sitcom "Full House," Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have ventured into more mature roles in "New York Minute." They play Jane and Roxy, twins who are exact opposites, one a conservative goody-goody and the other a punk and daredevil.

Hilary Duff recreates the struggles and adventures of Cinderella in a modern-day setting in "Cinderella Story." She plays the enslaved Sam Montgomery who meets, through the Internet, her prince charming Austin Ames (Chad Michael Murray), who happens to be a popular football player in her university.



"NEW YORK MINUTE" with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsens

2ND WEEK - NOW SHOWING

MTRCB RATING: R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP

ONE OF THE BIGGEST FILMS OF THE YEAR!
NOW BREAKING BOXOFFICE RECORDS IN MANILA!

"A sweeping historical epic that confirms Oliver Stone's position as one of Hollywood's master storytellers" -LOUIS HOBSON, JAM! MOVIES

"Phenomenal!"

-STEFAN HALLEY, HERO REALM

"Monumentally ambitious, Oliver Stone's Alexander accomplishes the twin objectives of the epic biopic."

-ANNLEE ELLINGSON, BOXOFFICE MAGAZINE

"Boldly acted, absorbing and satisfying as a history lesson."

-WILLIAM ARNOLD, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER



MTRCB RATING: PG-13 CHILDREN BELOW 13 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED

NOW SHOWING

MLR Films presents

CHRISTIAN VAZQUEZ

TIRSO CRUZ III RIO LOCOSIN

DIMPLES ROMANA CRISelda VOLKS

Introducing RU MIRANDA

JOMARI YLLANA ARA MINA

Dahil, minsan sa buhay ko,
ikaw ay dumating.

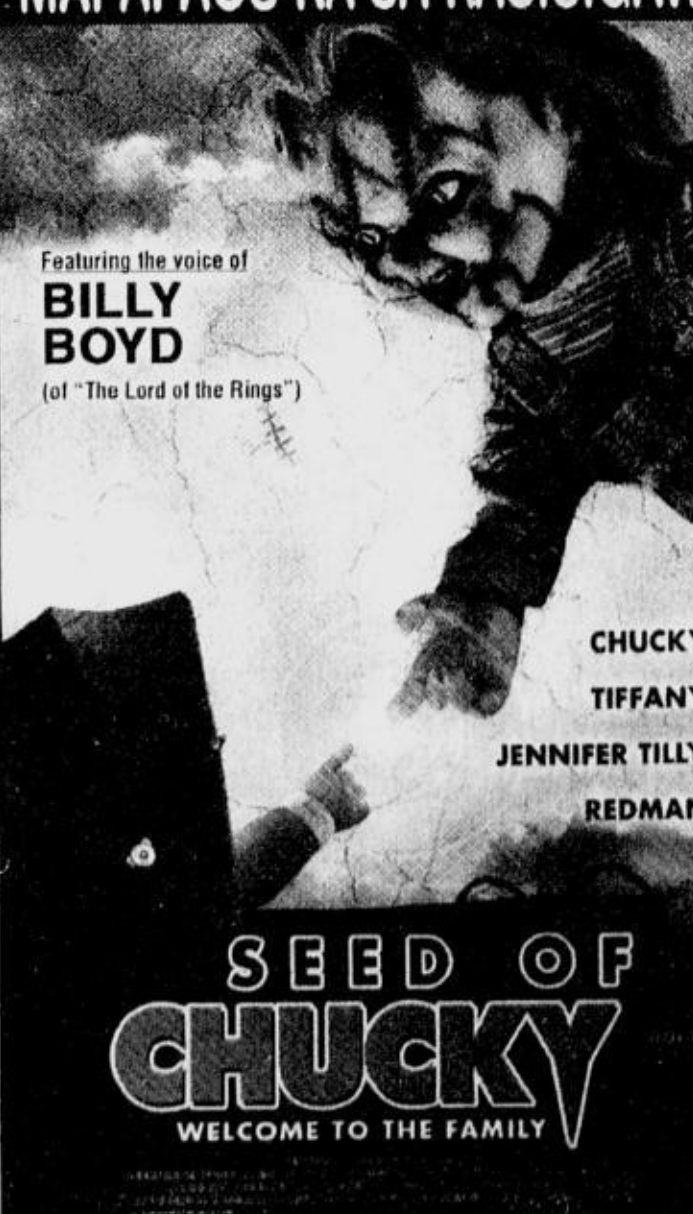


NOW SHOWING

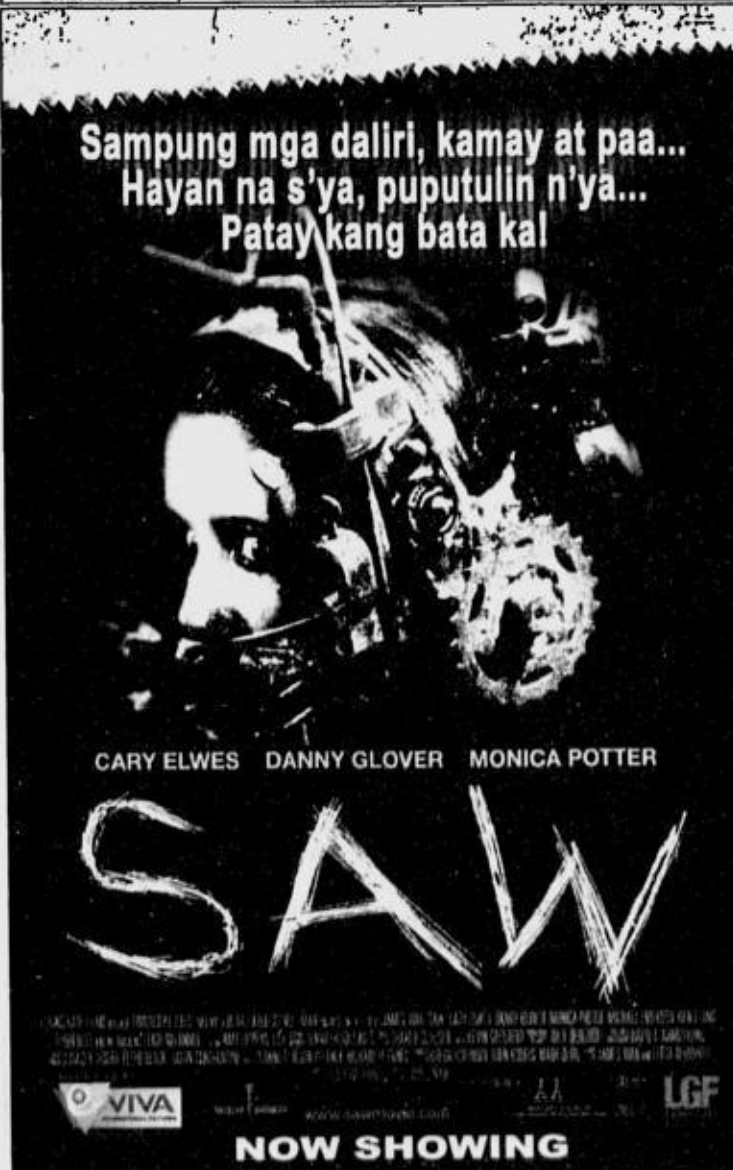
MTRCB RATING: R-18 STRICTLY FOR 18YRS. OLD AND ABOVE

POWERPLANT • GLORIFETTA • G-BELT • MARKETMARKET • ALABANGTOWN • FILINVEST
• METROPOLIS • ROBINSON-galleria • ROBINSON-pioneer • ROBINSON-ermita
• CINE-RAMA • ROBINSON nova • ROBINSON-dasma • ROBINSON-imus • GOTESCOCOM
• A IMALL • GOTESCO-ortigas • STA LUCIA • MITROEAST • WALTERMART-calamba
• LIANAS • PAVILION-birán • ROBINSON-sta.rosa

MAPAPAOS KA SA KASISIGAW



MTRCB RATING: R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE



NOW SHOWING

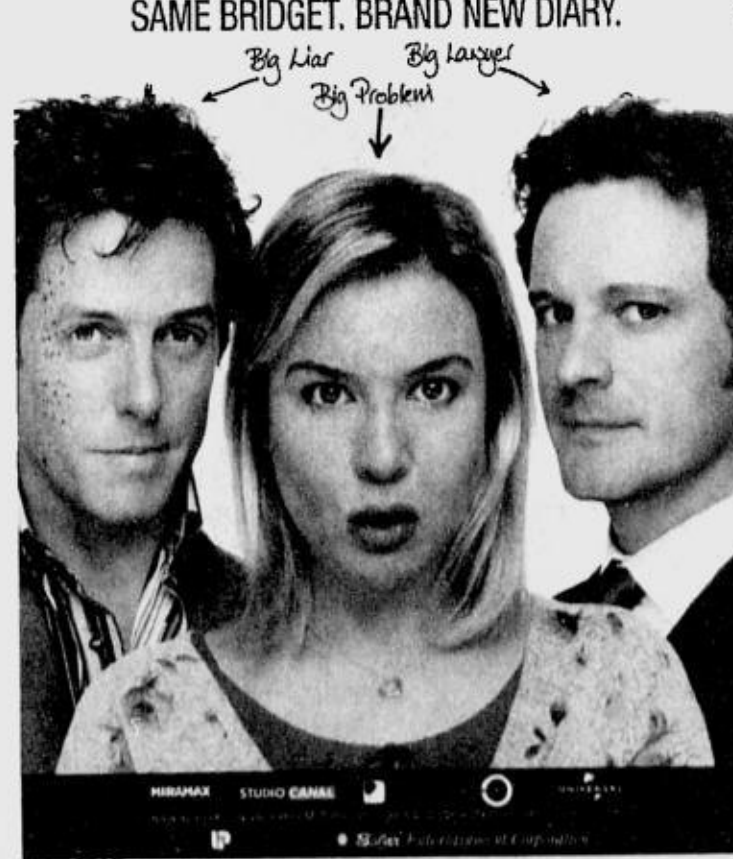
MTRCB RATING: PG-13 PARENTS ARE STRONGLY CAUTIONED AGAINST BRINGING VERY YOUNG CHILDREN BELOW 10 YEARS OLD.

RENÉE ZELLWEGER HUGH GRANT COLIN FIRTH

BRIDGET JONES

THE EDGE OF REASON

SAME BRIDGET. BRAND NEW DIARY.



BAGONG MMS POWERS no gentxt

**SEND MMS VIDEOS & PICS
TO YOUR BARKADA FOR ONLY P3!**



**Keep sending MMS and win
Free Globe Prepaid Load worth P3,000!**

8 1 of us! Send GENTXT to 2277 for FREE.

10 winners of P3,000 Globe Prepaid load will be drawn everyday!

1. The P3 MMS sending rate applies to the following:
- MMS video and photo, Globe-to-Globe (P3.00/ send)
 - MMS video and photo, Globe to other network (P3.00 / send)
 - MMS to email (P3.00/ send)

International MMS photo sending is P20.00 per send and International MMS video sending is P40.00 per send. Each sent MMS is equal to 1 point.

2. The top 10 Gentxt subscribers who send the most number of MMS for the day will win P3,000 worth of Globe Prepaid Load.

3. Only Globe subscribers registered as Gentxt members are eligible to join the promo.
4. New Gentxt members start generating points for the promo only on the day he/she is fully registered within the promo period.

Promo Duration: December 1, 2004 – January 19, 2005


See flyers for details. Per DTI-NCR Permit# 3125, Series of 2004.

Activate MMS and GPRS on your phone now!

1. For a list of compatible handsets, send NOKIA, ERICSSON or SAMSUNG (depending on your handset model) to 2365. Regular text messaging charges apply.
2. Text GO <handset model> to 2951 to get your phone's

settings. Ex. GO N3650. For Nokia 3220, 6220, 6230, 6260, 6800, 6820, 7200, and 7610 text GO <handset model>, 1234 to 2951. Make sure that you type in the two commas before the 1234 PIN.

3. Enter 1234 when asked for PIN to save the settings.
4. Send an MMS message for only P3.00 to activate the service.

making great things possible  **Globe**
HANDYPHONE

BUSINESS

Text us your feedback: inquirer biz name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

DOE seeks review of oil deregulation law

By Abigail L. Ho

ENERGY Secretary Vincent Perez yesterday said he would recommend to Malacañang an independent review of Republic Act No. 8479, or the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998, to determine whether amendments to the law were needed.

In a speech during a Makati Business Club meeting yesterday, Perez said "the future of the deregulated oil industry" would depend on the results of this review.

"The public perception now is that the deregulation of the industry has been the cause for the unmitigated rise in oil prices. With the thorough independent review that we'll be proposing, consultations will be held with all (concerned) sectors nationwide," he said.

He added that these consultations would be an integral part of efforts to come up with a "renewed consensus on the future of the downstream oil industry."

"If, at the end of the review, the review body would find that the existing law had to be revised, then necessary changes would be made," he said.

On the part of the business sector, MBC executive director Guillermo Luz said the proposed review of the Oil Deregulation Law should be considered "with an open mind."

"The DOE's suggestion, after all,

was only for the existing law to be reviewed and that no judgment had been passed."

"The DOE has not expressed its side on the matter. The review doesn't mean that anything will be changed. It's important for everyone to look at it with an open mind," he said.

Perez refrained from giving a hint on how the DOE felt about the existing law, saying that he did not want to taint the review process with certain biases.

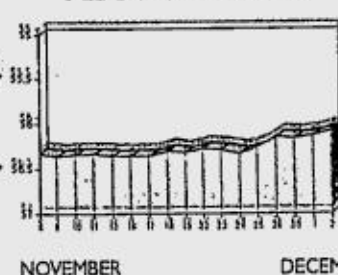
He declined to reveal the details of the DOE's recommendation, saying he wanted to first discuss the matter with President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Various militant groups, including party-list Anakpawis and the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, had called for the repeal of the Oil Deregulation Law.

They said the law was the very root of the country's problems on the high prices of oil, as it allowed local oil firms to adjust their prices without consulting the government.

INDICATORS CURRENCIES

PESO-DOLLAR RATE



₱ 56.08 = \$ 1

As of 5 p.m., Dec. 2, 2004

₱ 102.03 = \$ 1

As of 5 p.m., Dec. 2, 2004

GOLD: \$ 450.20-450.70

per ounce Hong Kong, Nov. 30, 2004

STOCK MARKET

Mining stocks shine, main index flat

MINING stocks surged yesterday after a court order reopened the sector to foreign players, but a drop in telecom stocks weighed on the overall market.

Shares in number-one telecoms firm Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) and second-ranked Globe Telecom Inc. fell on concerns about the effect of a franchise tax on the industry being debated by lawmakers.

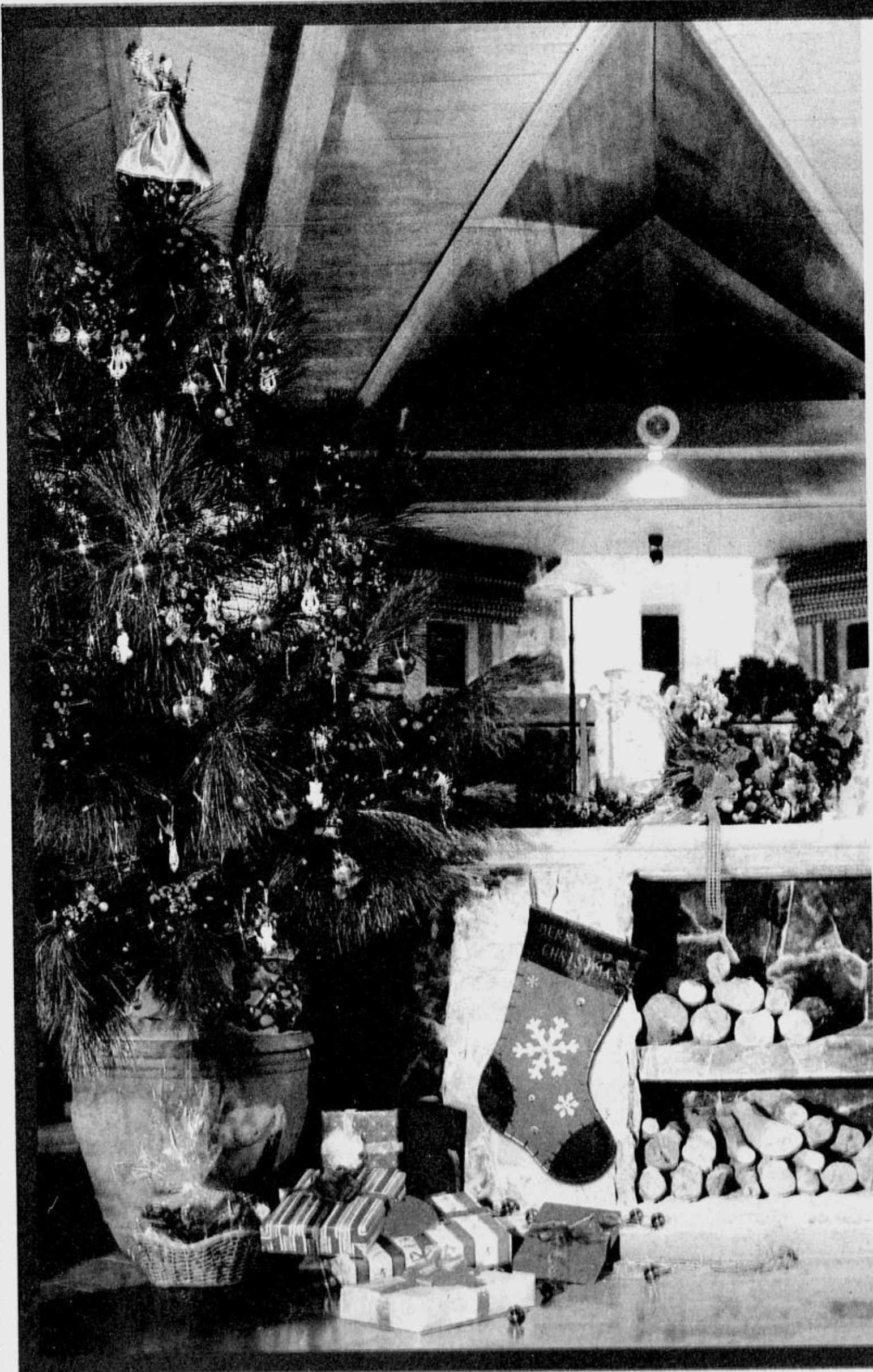
The main index ended up 0.03 percent at 1,816.99 points. The mining index jumped 19.65 percent. Value turnover reached 1.08 billion pesos (\$19.34 million) as gainer beat losers 52 to 29.

The most heavily traded mining stock was Manila Mining Corp. whose B shares, open to both foreigners and locals, jumped 12 percent

MINING/B2



ORDER OF SIKATUNA FOR ADB CHIEF
President Macapagal-Arroyo confers on outgoing Asian Development Bank president Tadao Chino the Order of Sikatuna, with a rank of datu, in a simple ceremony in Malacañang. Chino's resignation as ADB president will take effect Jan. 31 next year.

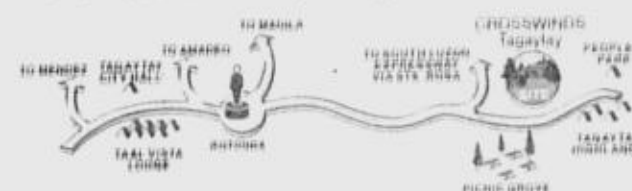


ONE GREAT THING
AT CROSSWINDS
THIS CHRISTMAS—
THE TREES ARE REAL.

Live at Crosswinds and you won't ever have to worry about your Christmas trees again. Because pine trees are everywhere: along the streets, on the hills, around the homes. In fact, alongside the crisp, cool air, it seems like Christmas everyday.

Add this to the Swiss chalets and the quiet atmosphere, you have all the reasons life is great at Crosswinds—all season long.

To know more about
Crosswinds, Tagaytay:
Call 850 8986 and 850 2868
Click www.brittany.com.ph.



CROSSWINDS
Life is great
Brittany
CORPORATION

B1

Masinloc sale seen to save RP from ratings downgrade

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is optimistic that the sale of the 600-megawatt Masinloc power plant, the largest asset of state-owned National Power Corp., could help save the Philippines from a costly credit-rating downgrade.

According to Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong, ratings agency Moody's Investors Service might take into consideration the successful bidding of the coal-fired power plant last Wednesday in their assessment of the country's fiscal situation.

The finance chief said Masinloc, which was sold for \$561.74 million, already accounted for 80 percent of Napocor's assets that were targeted for privatization in 2005. The revenue that would be generated from the sale could significantly help Napocor in meeting its liabilities.

Proceeds of the sale would be of a big help to the government,

which had decided to absorb the power firm's debts.

"Masinloc is a major asset of Napocor, and its sale would be a big leap in its privatization efforts," Amatong, who is also chair of Napocor said in a chance interview with reporters. She added that she was hopeful the sale of Masinloc would convince Moody's to abort plans of downgrading the Philippines' credit rating.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael Buenaventura said the country's credibility improved due to the Masinloc privatization and the Supreme Court ruling allowing foreign ownership in mining projects.

The 600-megawatt Masinloc plant, which is located in Zamboanga, was awarded to YNN Pacific Consortium Inc., a Filipino-Australian group. Its offer bested that of the only other bidder, the Lopez-owned First Generation Holdings Inc.

Officials of Moody's, who are

in the country to evaluate the country's economic environment, earlier warned that the government's fiscal problem was putting pressure on the country's credit rating.

The existing Moody's rating on the Philippines is Ba2, or two notches below investment grade.

A credit ratings downgrade triggers rise in spreads on sovereign debt papers which increases the cost of government borrowings. Should this happen, the country's fiscal problem, characterized by huge budget deficit and debt, would be aggravated.

But Amatong said Moody's should consider the developments in the country's fiscal sector, including the progress in the legislation of the proposed revenue-raising measures of the Arroyo administration and privatization of Masinloc, in making its ratings on the Philippines.

She added that the commit-

ment given by legislators to pass at least three revenue-raising measures before the end of the year—the bills on sin taxes, lateral attrition for revenue-collecting agencies, lifting of value-added tax exemptions—would boost the government's chances of meeting its goal of wiping out the budget deficit in the medium term.

The government's budget deficit is expected to hit P197.8 billion by year-end. Its debt has already reached P3.5 trillion as of the first half.

In the meantime, Buenaventura said the Supreme Court ruling on the mining sector was expected to bring in more foreign direct investments and, therefore, help the BSP build up its gross international reserves level.

He said this would allow the mining sector, which accounted for less than 2 percent of the country's gross domestic product, to make a more significant contribution. *With reports from Doris C. Dumlaog, Abigail L. Ho*

UCPB earns P2.2B from property sales

By Doris C. Dumlaog

UNITED Coconut Planters Bank has unloaded 500 more of its idle properties through a recent public auction, bringing to P2.2 billion the non-performing assets sold through retail deals this year.

The bank continues to make steady progress in liquefying its real and other properties owned or acquired (ROPOAs), said Christine Carandang, UCPB vice president.

Carandang heads UCPB's asset management and disposition division, a dedicated unit of the bank that focuses on disposing its NPAs.

The bank recently unloaded P500 million worth of residential properties in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, marking the first time that UCPB auctioned off acquired assets outside of Metro Manila.

It was the third such auction for the bank this year. A fourth auction is being planned early next year.

Apart from public auctions

and retail sales, UCPB is also aggressively pursuing tie-ups with well-known property developers to develop select real estate properties acquired by the bank.

The bank has so far inked a development agreement with Sta. Lucia Realty and Development, Inc. and another private landowner to develop a 12.25-hectare property in the outskirts of Tagaytay City. The turning it into a middle-income residential subdivision. Under the agreement, UCPB and the private landowners will contribute the land while Sta. Lucia Realty will shoulder all the developmental costs.

UCPB is working on two other development agreements, one involving an 86-hectare property in the Muntinlupa-Cavite area and the other a 21-hectare property in Calamba, Laguna.

The bank is also set to sell P13.6 billion worth of idle properties to a unit of Korean investment management firm Shinhan M&A through the Special Purpose Vehicle framework.

goimpress

The resolution you need in 2005



Treo 600

• Compact, full-featured mobile phone • Wireless email and messaging • Web access • digital camera and more

Take your pick from two attractive offers!

(with every purchase of the Treo™ 600 smartphone)

FREE Travel Pack

FREE m500 handheld

P 31,800

Zire 72

Special Edition

Zire™ 72 in Silver

Free Brown Leather Wallet Case

• Built-in 1.2 megapixel camera
• Listen to MP3s, watch video clips and view photos
• Share files, photos and more with nearby Bluetooth™ enabled devices

P 16,500

TUNGSTEN E

Bundled Offer

Free Brown Leather Wallet Case

• Extra Stylus • Screen Protectors

• High resolution 320 x 320 colour screen
• Create and edit Word, Excel and PowerPoint compatible files
• Listen to MP3s, watch video clips and view photos

P 11,900



Promo valid from November 26, 2004 to January 31, 2005

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5820 Series of 2004.

If your New Year's resolution is to get more out of life, then there's another resolution you've got to make: live it up in 2005 with palmOne™! Get organised and connected with the Treo™ 600 smartphone that features a phone, organiser, email, messaging and web access, all in one device. Transfer files and folders back and forth to your desktop with new Tungsten™ T5 handheld, and even use it as a flash drive with another computer. Listen to MP3s, watch video clips and view photos with the Zire™ 72 handheld. All this and it still fits right in your pocket. And with fantastic offers on selected palmOne™ devices now, it is the easiest resolution you will ever keep! www.palmOne.com/asia

This promotion is valid for individual consumers only and not for corporate and special project purchases of PalmOne™ handhelds at discounted prices.

goemail gophone gophoto gomusic gooffice gowireless

Participating Dealers for all products

Metro Manila: ABC Computer, Ambassador Appliances, Acenet, Asianic, Avid Sales, Best Mobile, Columbia Computer, ComCentre, Comlink, Dataview Computer, Digital Walker, Electroworld, @ Games, Games and Gadgets, Globotek, Infonet, Laptop Shop, Microstation, Mobile 1, NT Computer, PC Quarter, PC Supplies, palmOne Poucentral, Wellcom

Cebu: Audionet, Avid Sales, CBX Corp., Electroworld, JUNREX, Lenton Mktg., Ng Khai Dev't, RC Goldline, TCA, Thinking Tools

Davao: Columbia Computer, Digital Interface, Electroworld

Participating Dealers for Treo 600 only

ARX Computers, CellSite, Datacore, Hello, Herrera Bros., Davao, Infomax Ent., Legaspi Cellstreet - Legaspi City, Mega Cellular, Mobile Expert, Quickcom, Topwin

palmOne

SMC set to issue additional shares

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

SAN MIGUEL Corp. (SMC), the country's largest food and beverage company, will issue additional shares out of its treasury stock.

The planned issue is expected to account for 10 percent of its outstanding capital stock.

As of September, SMC's outstanding shares were placed at 2.85 billion shares.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, SMC said its board approved the issuance of additional shares. Existing shareholders will have the pre-emptive right or the right to subscribe to the additional issuance at a ratio of one share for every 10 shares owned.

SMC appointed ABN Amro Rothschild as global coordinator and Sycip Salazar as legal counsel for the offering.

In a related development, strong domestic sales pushed up earnings of SMC's hard liquor unit, Ginebra San Miguel Inc., by 10 percent to P139 million in October from P127 million a year earlier.

GSMI said it recorded a 19-percent increase in sales in October, following aggressive sales and marketing efforts backed by GSMI's "Bilog ang Mundo" campaign. The company reported an upsurge in GSM Round (gin) and Vino Kulafu (Chinese wine) sales. Gran Matador (brandy) also posted improvements in sales, with volume during the January-October period rising 929 percent above last year.

Operating income was up 6 percent to P228 million from P214 million.

GSMI's 10-month net income grew 5 percent year-on-year to P1.45 billion, while its operating income for the period rose 7 percent to P2.272 billion from P2.121 billion.

Mining ...

From page B1

to 2.8 centavos.

Manila Mining-A, which is restricted to Filipinos, rose 10.53 percent to 2.1 centavos. The firm, an affiliate of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co., used to mine gold bullion and copper but ceased operations in 2001. Lepanto rose 28.57 percent or 8 centavos to 36 centavos.

The Philippine Supreme Court on Wednesday reversed a ruling that quashed parts of a law allowing foreign companies to own a 100 percent stake in mining projects.

In its new decision, the court said the constitution allowed the government to enter into service contracts with firms in large exploration, development and utilization of minerals, petroleum and mineral oils.

Horacio Ramos, head of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, said revenues from mining could be a way out of the government's fiscal problem—a \$3.5 billion annual budget deficit and rising debt burden.

The Philippines is rich in gold and copper but remains one of the least-explored countries in region.

"The mining stocks surged due to the court order but the telecoms dragged the market said Eagle Equities President Joey Roxas.

"Lawmakers are deliberating today the franchise tax on telecoms. The government and congress leaders have said it was on the priority list to help raise more revenues for the government," Roxas said.

PLDT, the country's largest firm in terms of market capitalization with \$4.13 billion, fell P15 or 1.10 percent to P1,345. Globe fell P5 or 0.51 percent to P980.

Roxas expects the market to slowly creep higher in the coming sessions with resistance at 1,840 as investors absorb news the government successfully sold its first major power plant to a Filipino-Australian group on Wednesday for \$560 million.

Analysts have said the auction of the plant, built at a cost of \$530 million in 1998, was a crucial test of investor interest in the power sector and the country as a whole. *Reuters*

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Down the drain

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System is one of the bigger casualties of the sudden closure of the American Standard manufacturing operations in the country.

According to the grapevine, the GSIS has about 9 percent stake in the US-controlled bathroom fixtures manufacturing plant through the publicly listed Sanitary Wares Manufacturing Corp.

The GSIS block was acquired during the 1989 go-go days for P148 million and it held on to it, keeping faith in the American expatriate management, despite the foreign fund managers selling down the stock these past few years.

Notwithstanding its sizable shareholding, the GSIS bloc had no board representation in the seven-member Saniwares board, and had to rely on the public pronouncements and SEC reports to keep itself abreast of the company plans, which was still upbeat with a turnaround story as late as the third quarter filing.

GSIS is not alone

INVESTMENT banker Gregorio Yu, representing the Solar Securities group which has a slightly bigger stake than GSIS, had hardly warmed his board seat after a three-year battle to gain representation when he was caught off-guard by the closure decision. Also caught off-guard were significant minority shareholders—stock market wizard Wilson Sy, ACG Builder's Centre and Jose Santos of Prudential Bank.

According to Saniwares, the company had been bleeding for the past several years, unable to compete with imports despite, strangely, exporting some of its local output to its American parent.

Officially, Saniwares has negative equity when it decided to close Nov. 26, right on the same day the issue was tabled by the board. Whatever assets it may be able to liquidate would first have to go to pay off creditor Citibank.

According to the grapevine, local suppliers have about P700 million in combined exposure to Saniwares, and there is no guarantee that they can ever be repaid.

Fort's water woes

THE FAST-FOOD stall operators of the new Market!Market! in The Fort are drowning in their own version of killer storm Winnie over their water bills.

For example, a stall owner who used to pay an average of P500 a month for water usage in her previous strip mall stall turned livid when shown a P38,000 monthly bill for her 20-meter stall in the new Ayala market-mall.

Ayala Land inherited the mutiny-inducing rates from the Metro Pacific-Vivendi joint venture that developed the world-class water and sewerage system in the new global city.

Unfortunately, world-class, especially when dollar-denominated, comes with a First World

COCKTALES

Victor C.
Agustin



price tag. The Asian currency crisis not only exposed the water venture to devaluation risk, but the projected Fort market base also shrank, resulting in fewer consumers carrying a heavier debt burden.

The good news, according to the grapevine, is that Ayala is now meeting with the restive stallholders to discuss the reduction of their water rates.

But, then again, even if Ayala slashes the rates by half, P19,000

from P500 a month still represents a financial tsunami for a stall that gets by on P55 meals.

(Latebreaker: According to an Ayala Land spokesperson, there are no negotiations with Market!Market! fast-food merchants on any reduction of their water rates. That means the rates, which the spokesperson claim have already gone down "tremendously," would remain.)

Hyatt sizzles

THOSE who love to eat out and tuck down to an all-you-can-eat buffet should check out the coffee shop of the new Hyatt hotel and casino in Ermita.

It is the Bay Area's answer to the

COCKTALES/ B4

PRULINK	PRU LIFE U.K.	
Investments of Variable Life Insurance Contracts	Current Week November 30, 2004	Last Week November 23, 2004
Bond Fund - Peso	1.16483	1.16646
Managed Fund - Peso	1.25731	1.25674
Bond Fund - US Dollar	1.0468	1.0503

* Note: These investments of variable life insurance contracts are not mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission

KARL EDWARD INTERNATIONAL, INC.

December 4 & 5, 2004
December 11 & 12, 2004
December 18 & 22, 2004

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

"The best bazaar for every season!"

FULLY AIRCONDITIONED FREE PARKING

NBC
The NBC Tent
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig

shop on the fort

BATA

WINDMILL

Brewing Point

HOTDOG ONSTICKS

Inquiries call: 3728453 / 3742440 / 374-3726

BIRD

Spicy and Easy!

Also available:

- S190 SLIM PHONE
- S190
- S190

With its dazzling chili-red case, the BIRD S190 is the handset that will make you stand out from the crowd. The stylish silver version is equally eye-catching.

The features include:

- Sparkling 4,096 colors screen
- Slim & funky design
- Distinctive 16 Polyphonic Ringtones
- EMS/JMS compatibility
- Open line

S190

ComWORKS, Inc.

Authorized Dealers:

- LIPA BRANCH
- ROBINSON PLACE LIPA
- FIESTA MALL LIPA
- ALABAMA BRANCH
- ALABAMA BRANCH
- ALABAMA BRANCH

Passion

Our promise.

Toyota has learned from the roads of the world. And that's why we can make our promise.

The roads of the world are many and varied. So are the world's voices when it comes to the vehicle. There are just so many different ways people live with it. And sometimes these voices have contradictory demands, making it difficult to build what they ask for. But now Toyota has made it possible with no compromises.

The aim was to satisfy the wishes of all. Only those who truly know the roads of the whole world can gain the approval of the whole world. Toyota's promise of total renewal—given shape in a new, global-quality vehicle. It's now ready for you to enjoy.

TOYOTA

GLOBAL QUALITY PROJECT

Cocktales ...

From page B3

much-raved about Paseo Uno of Mandarin, even better, according to some, because the café is laid out in sections like market stalls where one can choose Japanese, Chinese and Western dishes and have them cooked on the spot.

Hyatt's own is called, appropriately, Market Café, and it was booked solid Wednesday night, a nothing-special night, despite the hotel being only one-third open.

Even the hotel's 80-plus available rooms, out of the 378 when fully opened, had all been taken up by Japanese and Korean guests at \$100 a night, quite high for Bay area hotels.

But then again, the room sizes are positively generous by Korean and Japanese standards. And despite being a casino-hotel, every room has a broadband connection for the business traveler and guests who have to stay work-connected.

And the famed Manila Bay sunset view, of course, is priceless.

(Tip: Those considering buying a condo unit should take a peek at how Hyatt elevated and subdivided the hotel bathroom.)

Short takes

• TOYOTA will open its first joint venture dealership in the country in San Fernando, Pampanga tomorrow, with Toyota Cabanatuan dealer Jose Tan as president.

The Japanese car company will also unveil the new, bigger, roomier Hi-Lux passenger van, which it would make available for test drives to prospective buyers starting next weekend.

• The former law firm of Haydee Yorac, in reaction to a Nov. 22 item, says it was the PCGG chief, before she was drafted into government service, who initiated and won all the way to the Supreme Court the equal-work, equal-pay battle of the International School union.

Heard through the grapevine

MALL operator SM Prime Holdings is meeting with its key concessionaires next week to inform them about a plan to adopt an Ayala-like two-tiered lease scheme, where, in addition to the current percentage of the monthly gross, a new minimum lease rate per square meter would kick in.

(Email: cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com)

LARGE-SCALE CONTRACTS

Gov't to farm out idle mines to private firms

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE GOVERNMENT is looking at farming out to private operators at least five foreclosed or abandoned mines held by the Privatization Management Office, which have assets amounting to P23.9 billion.

These mining concerns include those of Basay Mining Corp., Batong Buhay Gold Mines, North Davao Mining Corp., Nonoc Mining and Industrial Corp., and Hercules Minerals and Oils Inc.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, the government was exploring the possibility of creating one company per mining claim, which will be sub-contracted to a private operator. The move is aimed at attracting large-scale mining contracts.

Plans are being rushed considering that mineral prices are currently high and that raising capital is expected to be easy.

Prices of metals are currently at their peaks: copper at \$1.44 a pound

or 78-percent higher than last year, gold at \$453 an ounce or 25-percent higher, silver at \$7.82 an ounce or 60-percent higher, and nickel at \$7.13 a pound or 63-percent higher.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez yesterday said in a press briefing that the Board of Investments has available incentives package for mining projects. These include four to six years of income tax holiday, duty-free importation of capital equipment for two years, additional deduction for labor expense, exemption from wharfage dues as well as export tax, impost and fees.

"Bills currently pending in Congress, which are among the government's priority bills, provide for the rationalization of the grant of incentives to all economic activities that the government is promoting," Hernandez said.

He said the proposed bills would enhance the incentives package to priority projects including those in the mining sector, including the extension of tax holidays to eight years.

Hernandez said that since the start of 2004, the BOI was able to register three big mining ventures totaling P1.5 billion. These cover the expansion projects of those of Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corp., Philex Mining Corp. and Bicol Mineral Development Corp.

DTI data show that there are at least 23 mining and mineral processing projects that have just started or are still in the pipeline.

Of these 23 projects, the seven biggest represent a total of \$3 billion in investments and some 4,500 new jobs.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court ruled that the Mining act of 1995 was lawful, reversing an earlier decision that declared certain provisions of the law unconstitutional.

In 2003, the mining industry yielded a gross production value of P42 billion or 1.5 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

The industry also yielded export receipts of \$638 million or 1.8 percent of total exports last year.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Heaven Sent: The Lifestyle Bazaar is moved from Dec. 4 & 5 to

Dec 18-19

Bonifacio Global City
(Right behind the adidas sports kamp)

FOR INFO, CALL 812.9405, 816.3875 0917.537.0555
heavensentbazaar@yahoo.com

NET ONE THE FORT FORT POINT

MONARC'S
Insta-Mattress CHRISTMAS
BONANZA
BAGSAK PRESIDYO
w/ RAFFLE PAPRENTYO

IMPORTED PRIZES UP FOR GRABS:

FIRST PRIZE
One (1) pc. "3x COMPANY" sofa bed

SECOND PRIZE
One (1) pc. "TWINBED" sofa bed

THIRD PRIZE
One (1) pc. "WINGBAND" sofa bed

MECHANICS:

- For every Php600.00 single-receipt purchase of any Monarc Furnishings' COMFORT & SLEEP PRODUCTS at any participating SM outlets, Big R Supercenter and Robinsons Department Stores, Sta. Lucia Mall, Landmark, Sogo and other mall outlets, the customer gets one raffle coupon. The more items to purchase, the more raffle coupons to claim from the Sales Promo Personnel located at our designated selling area, for a chance to win the imported major prizes above.
- Upon presentation of the receipt to our Sales Promo Personnel the customer will be given a raffle coupon(s) and it has to be filled-up with name, address, telephone number, and affix his/her signature and drop them at the drop box visibly located at our designated selling area.
- Promo period starts on November 26, 2004 up to January 22, 2005. Deadline of submission of entries is until January 22, 2005 close of store hours only.
- Raffle draw will be held on January 30, 2005 at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Monarc Furnishings' Showroom located at SM Fairview Annex, Lower Ground Floor, Rogado Ave., Fairview, Quezon City under the supervision of a DTI representative.
- All winners can only win once. In case a name is drawn more than once he/she gets the prize of higher value.
- All winners will be notified thru registered mail and their names will also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.
- Winners can claim their prize at our head office from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm, Mondays to Saturdays and look for the Visual Merchandising Officer. Winners need to present the registered mail sent, claim stub and any valid ID (i.e. passport, driver's license, company or school ID).
- The winner shall pay the 20% tax for prizes exceeding Php 10,000.00.
- Prizes must be claimed within 60 days from receipt of registered mail otherwise unclaimed prizes shall be forfeited in favor of Monarc Furnishings' with prior DTI approval.
- All employees of Monarc Furnishings and their suppliers and including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified to join this raffle promo.

Per DTI-NCR permit No. 2997 series of 2004

"All that I want."

HYUNDAI

You want it. We've got it. Whether its the best home entertainment that you desire, like DVD, VCD component, flat screen TV, Karaoke, Hyundai has it all. And for a great help in the household chores, there's nothing like an efficient washing machine, intelligent microwave ovens and even quality water dispensers. Hyundai comes complete, affordable and reasonable.

For a closer look, visit your nearest appliance dealer.

HYUNDAI
Always there for you.

AVAILABLE AT LEADING APPLIANCE DEALERS NATIONWIDE.
EXCLUSIVELY DISTRIBUTED BY ALLIED DISTRIBUTION, INC. FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL: TEL. NOS.: 722-4807 / 722-5937 / 722-5723 FAX: 722-5806

The future of Call Centers

FIVE

The Leader in Hosted VoIP
Contact Center Solutions

• Low Cost • Rapid Deployment

DECEMBER 7, 2004

Email: info@synergiacybercare.com • www.five9.com • www.synergiacybercare.com

REPLY FORM

☐ Yes, I am interested.

Name.....

Company.....

Designation.....

Company Address.....

Tel. No.....

Fax No.....

Email.....

Please fax this reply form to 633-6493.

Loans extended to SMEs reached P18B in Q1-Q3

LENDING to small and medium-sized enterprises reached a total of P18.6 billion in the first nine months, the government-run Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp. yesterday reported.

Benel P. Lagua, SB Corp. president, said that the loans benefited at least 40,000 SMEs under the SME Unified Lending Opportunities for National Growth program or Sulong.

The Sulong program is the financing component of the National SME Development Plan, where six government financing institutions are taking part: SB Corp., Landbank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, National Livelihood and Support Fund, Philippine Export-Import Bank and Quedan Rural Credit and Guarantee Corp.

Lagua said that of the loans extended from January to September, SB Corp. released P2.3 billion; LBP P8.6 billion; DBP P6.7 billion; NLSF P290 million, PhilExim P359.5 million and QuedanCorp. P376.2 million.

He said the total amount represented 78 percent of the P24-billion loan target to be released for 2004.

Lagua explained that under the Sulong program, participating GFIs have standardized their lending guidelines and interest rates to give SMEs easier access to credit. The GFIs have also relaxed their accreditation procedures to invite more rural banks and micro-finance institutions to act as conduits for the Sulong program.

Since the Sulong program was launched in 2002, loans that were released have reached a total of P71.5 billion. *Ronnel W. Domingo*

CAIRO MEET PROJECTION

Opec unlikely to cut back production

By Abigail L. Ho

THE ORGANIZATION of Petroleum Exporting Countries is unlikely to agree to an output cut at a meeting in Cairo next week, the group's acting secretary general said Thursday.

"Cutting the production has a little chance," Opec acting secretary general Maizar Rahman yesterday said during a meeting with members of the Makati Business Club.

He said the most the group could do is "stay at the (current) quota."

Opec members are scheduled to meet in Cairo on Dec. 10 to reassess their supply commitments, as the group anticipates a decline in demand next year because of an anticipated weakening of the global economy.

"We'll observe and evaluate the market," Rahman said. "We want to have stable prices and secure supply. We'll have to observe next year's demand."

But he also said that the world "is now well supplied."

"We're even in excess (of what we need)," Rahman said.

An oversupply in the market would be bad for the oil producers, he added.

Rahman said he expects Opec's production to average 28 million barrels a day next year.

Rahman yesterday said that oil demand in 2005 would likely soften, particularly as China planned to cool down its overheating economy.

The economic growth projection for next year was also slower at 4 percent from this year's 4.9 percent. Oil demand is usually proportional with economic growth.

The huge demand, plus many non-fundamental factors like speculations and geopolitics, led to a sudden surge in world oil prices this year.

To cushion the adverse effects of spiraling oil costs on the global economy as well as to place a certain psychological safeguard against over-speculation, the Opec decided to raise its production quota three times during the year.

From 23.5 million barrels per day, the output ceiling was jacked up to 25.5 million barrels per day on July 1, to 26 million barrels per day on Aug. 1 and to 27 million barrels per day on Nov. 1.

However, even while Opec member-countries were already producing at full capacity, Rahman said world oil prices remained steep due to non-fundamental factors. *With a report from AP*



BODY SHOP REACHES OUT

Dame Anita Roddick (in white shirt, second row), founder of The Body Shop, joins the cheering children who now stand a chance at a decent education. The Body Shop recently donated a "mobile school" for the benefit of out-of-school children.

EUGENE A. ARANETA

PLDT to pay P31B in taxes, says top exec

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. yesterday said it was not opposed to new taxes and was open to paying more to help the government raise an additional P10 billion in revenue, according to PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan.

Globe Telecom Inc. senior vice president Rodolfo Salalima said the P10 billion in additional taxes the Arroyo administration wanted to generate from the sector could be achieved even under the existing tax regime.

Salalima also warned legislators not to prohibit telecom firms from passing on the impact of any new taxation to consumers. He said any such move would be unconstitutional.

"We are not opposed to new taxes," said Pangilinan in an interview. "We just want any new tax to be better defined and one that would efficiently distribute the burden."

The telecom executive said his company was willing to dialogue with the government on how best to resolve the issue.

He said PLDT and its subsidiaries were

expecting to shell out more than P31 billion in taxes this year and the next.

The increasing tax payments of the PLDT Group should cover a substantial portion of the P10 billion in additional revenue that the Arroyo administration wanted to generate from the telecom sector, Pangilinan noted.

"The PLDT Group alone would increase its tax payment next year by about P4 billion," said the PLDT chair. "I am sure Globe also has incremental tax payments. The PLDT Group is willing to discuss with government how best to raise whatever is the remaining amount."

Pangilinan said the most equitable solution to address the deficit problem would be to increase the value added tax rate. A franchise tax or any other charge to be slapped on gross earnings would hit even the phone companies that were losing.

Salalima said that apart from PLDT and Globe, the rest of the members of the telecom industry had been in the red.

"Increasing the VAT would make sure that the entire food chain is taxed. It would force us, our suppliers and the rest of the chain to declare the correct income. These guys make money also, so they should be taxed," said the PLDT chair.

Are you the

who confines to nothing?

who recognizes ingenuity?

who stays ahead of your time?

who looks for change?

You've chosen the car, now it's time to choose your destiny.

Northeast invests in call center

By Clarissa S. Batino

SHAREHOLDERS of Northeast Development and Acquisitions Corp. have formed Synergia Cybercare Inc., a new company that will invest in a small call center using an Internet-based technology.

Northeast Development is the majority owner of Hopewell Crown Infrastructure Inc., the group undertaking the P10-billion upgrade of the South Luzon Expressway.

"NDAC itself is not the owner but the individual shareholders who also happened to be

with the company," said Joel Banares, chair of Northeast Development and of the call center firm.

Synergia Cybercare would start with only about a dozen seats.

Its operating costs would amount to just a fraction of the usual expense due to its tie up with American firm Five9 Inc., officials said.

Tim Keefe, president and chief executive officer, of Synergia Cybercare said the company was the Philippine licensee for Five9, a US-based provider of hosted contact center solutions.

Keefe said that only 10 percent of existing call

centers worldwide use the web-based technology.

According to analysts, the demand for call centers would reach \$50 billion by the end of 2006.

Keefe said the partnership of Synergia Cybercare and Five9 would allow them to provide low cost service to customers.

"We see the Philippines a global center for providing customer care solutions. By providing the Five9 technology to the Philippines, Synergia will encourage the growth of locally-owned and operated contact centers," he said in a statement.

ALL PAWNBROKERS

Your **ATTENTION** PLS.!

A CALL FOR SUPPORT TO THE PAWNBROKERS-BIR ACTION PROGRAM

After months of consultations, the Chamber of Pawnbrokers of the Philippines and the Bureau of Internal Revenue have come to an Agreement & Framework for working together for the country's good. The framework is contained in the three (3) recent issuances of the Department of Finance and the BIR.

Revenue Regulations No. 10-2004, provides for the shift of the pawnshop sector from VAT to Gross Receipts Tax, and recognizes the role of pawnshops as a non-bank financial institution under the supervision of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 73-2004 details the policies for the settlement of outstanding tax liabilities of pawnshops for the years 1996 to 2002 under Section 204 of the Tax Code. The Circular also sets the basis for pawnshops' tax payments for January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, and for January 1, 2005 onward.

RMC No. 37-2004 establishes the procedures for the complete settlement of pawnshops' outstanding value-added tax liabilities prior to 2003, upon the payment of at least 25% of the basic tax due.

The issuances finally resolved the decades old controversies in the taxation of the pawnbroking industry and represents a firm basis for moving forward to progress and development. The Chamber and BIR Management agreed to regularly meet to immediately resolve other current and future issues.

In appreciation of the BIR's active support to the industry, the Chamber calls upon all pawnshops across the country to support the implementation of these issuances at the earliest possible time.

Discussions of the issuances will be one of the highlights of the National Congress of Pawnbrokers on Sunday, 5 December 2004, at the Quezon City Sports Club, where key BIR officials will be on hand to respond to queries and clarifications.

Detailed information on the issuances, as well as other relevant tax information, is available at the BIR website (www.bir.gov.ph), or at any BIR District Office.



START 2005 RIGHT

SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY!

ACT NOW & LEAVE ALL WORRIES BEHIND!



2/F Almazra Building
117 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Q.C.
Tel No.: 732-5151 loc. 233
Telefax: 740-0047

Indophil to revive RP mine

MELBOURNE—Australian minerals explorer Indophil Resources Ltd. said the Philippines' Supreme Court decision this week could pave the way for production to start up at its Tampakan copper and gold project by later this decade.

Indophil managing director Tony Robbins said the mining project, estimated to cost \$350 million to \$500 million, could start production by around 2009, subject to a feasibility study now being completed.

"We would probably be looking at about 200,000 tons of copper concentrates in the early stages," he told a briefing following the supreme court decision.

The Philippines' Supreme Court on Wednesday reversed a decision in January that had voided the form of mining title held for Tampakan.

Indophil currently owns 95 percent of the project, with Alsons Corp. holding 5 percent.

Swiss-based Xstrata Plc., which has bid A\$7.4 billion (\$5.8 billion) for Australian copper and nickel producer WMC Resources Ltd., has an option to acquire a 62.5 percent stake in the project, reducing Indophil's stake to 32.5 percent.

Reuters

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of December 2, 2004)					
STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	33,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	23.75	23.75	23.75	23.75	656,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	50	50.5	48.5	48.5	584,000
China Banking Corp.	600	600	600	600	510
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	51	51	51	51	29,800
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.48	0.5	0.48	0.5	5,330,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	28.5	28.5	28	28	119,900
Philippine National Bank	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.75	500
Phil. Savings Bank	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	10,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	13.25	13.25	13	13	13,000
Security Bank Corp.	27.5	27.5	27	27.5	263,000
Union Bank of the Phil.	23	23	22.75	22.75	48,500
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1800	1815	1800	1815	1,420
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	19	19	19	19	35,400
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.88	1.92	1.84	1.86	15,146,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	990	990	975	980	17,200
Isoplex Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.85	2.85	188,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.034	0.034	0.033	0.034	800,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.36	2.36	2.36	2.36	1,000
Philippine Tel. Corp.	2.75	2.75	2.55	2.55	4,985,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	30,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel. Co.	1350	1360	1345	1345	109,800
Ivantage Corp.	0.8	0.82	0.79	0.8	7,840,000
Philweb Corp.	0.012	0.012	0.011	0.012	80,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	15.75	16.5	15.75	16.5	180,800
Manila Electric Co. B	25	25.5	25	25	3,434,500
Patron Corp.	3.25	3.3	3.2	3.2	1,964,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Abolitz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	30,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	517,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.18	1.22	1.16	1.22	1,059,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	1,280,000
Supercity Rly Dev. Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	4,000
Union Cement Corp.	2.16	2.16	2.12	2.12	5,110,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	513,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	32	32	31.5	31.5	88,700
Justine Foods Corp.	29	29.5	29	29.5	136,800
RFM Corp.	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	40,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	30,000
San Miguel Corp. A	57	57	56.5	56.5	9,700
San Miguel Corp. B	73.5	74.5	73.5	73.5	1,411,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	1,140,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0042	0.0042	0.004	0.004	30,000,000
Abacus Con Res & Hdg B	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	5,000,000
Avaya Corp.	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	1,123,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	40,000
Abolitz Equity Ventures	3.2	3.35	3.2	3.35	4,943,000
Ajo Net Holdings Inc.	0.022	0.022	0.022	0.022	3,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.6	1.62	554,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.008	0.0075	0.008	250,000,000
Bancoln Cons Indus Inc.	16	16	15.75	15.75	2,100
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.74	0.69	0.73	55,440,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.15	1,880,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	1,260,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3	3.05	3	3	2,905,000
Ever-Goleco Resources	0.03	0.03	0.029	0.029	1,300,000
Philinvest Dev. Corp.	1	1	1	1	6,600,000
Ri-Hispano Holdings Corp.	4.9	4.95	4.9	4.95	1,125,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	28	30.5	28	30.5	4,016,700
Ionics Inc.	1.46	1.46	1.42	1.42	1,400,000
Marshall Corp.	3.75	3.75	3.4	3.4	2,570,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.44	1.56	1.44	1.5	1,440,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.015	0.015	0.014	0.014	3,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22	305,000
Melro Pacific Corp.	0.41	0.43	0.41	0.43	13,140,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	30,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	60,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.135	0.135	0.13	0.13	2,370,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	6,850,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	740,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	8,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.6	0.65	0.6	0.65	5,830,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.97	0.97	0.9	0.94	790,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	140,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	300,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	19	19	18.75	18.75	216,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series U	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	3,200
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,800
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,400
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	2,300
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PLDT 10% Pref Series Bb	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,800
PLDT 10% Pref Series Cc	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,100
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	7.1	7.1	7	7.1	2,116,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	900,000
C. & P. Homes Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	6,700,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	3,200,000
Elo Realty Developers Inc.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	40,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	2,234,000
Flintwest Land Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	1,250,000
Philinvest Land Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	300,000
Philinvest Estates Corp.	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	14,700,000
Phil Realty And Holdings	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	650,000
SM Development Corp.	1.4	1.52	1.4	1.5	1,200,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	6,330,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	230,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	430,000
Abram Mining & Industrial	0.014	0.015	0.013	0.014	1,841,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	4	4.05	3.75	3.95	2,191,000
Benguet Corp. A	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	80,000
Benguet Corp. B	4	4	4	4	1,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.9	188,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. A	0.25	0.27	0.245	0.27	93,380,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.31	0.39	0.31	0.36	155,040,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.021	2,334,800,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.028	0.03	0.028	0.028	2,233,200,000
Orico Corp.	0.005	0.006	0.0048	0.0055	1,774,000,000
Phillex Mining Corp. A	0.44	0.58	0.44	0.55	22,520,000
Phillex Mining Corp. B	0.55	0.72	0.55	0.72	38,540,000
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.16	0.175	0.15	0.16	4,310,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.01	0.011	0.01	0.011	5,000,000
Interport Res.	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	6,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0046	0.0048	0.0046	0.0046	60,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0046	0.0048	0.0046	0.0046	49,000,000
Pacific	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	0.0095	2,000,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	2.6	2.6	2.55	2.6	129,000
Voicon Ind'l	0.225	0.235	0.22	0.23	1,830,000

DISCLOSURES

REPUBLIC Cement Corp. Issued a convertible loan note to Lafarge Holdings Philippines Inc. In exchange for all issued and outstanding capital stock of Continental Operating Corp.

SAN Miguel Corp. officer Francis Jardeleza subscribed to 20,000 "B" shares of the company through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

HOUSE of Investments Inc. confirmed the appointment of Alexander Anthony Galang as vice president of the company. Also, a cash dividend amounting to over P17.9 million was declared in favor of holders of cumulative, convertible, participating, redeemable preferred shares.

TANDUAY Holdings Inc. declared a cash dividend of P1 per share in favor of stockholders of record as of Nov. 30 and will be payable not later than Dec. 15.

PCI Leasing and Finance Inc. bought 166,000 of its own shares at P1.34 each and another 135,900 shares at P1.36 each. *Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research*

CURRENCIES

December 2, 2004		Euro	Dollar	Peso
Country	Unit	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.748895	1.000000	56.1400
Japan	Yen	0.007302	0.009750	0.5474
United Kingdom	Pound	1.448637	1.935700	108.6702
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.096330	0.128629	7.2212
Switzerland	Franc	0.857792	0.878349	49.3105
Canada	Dollar	0.633208	0.845523	47.4677
Singapore	Dollar	0.459500	0.612970	34.4121
Australia	Dollar	0.580629	0.775314	43.5261
Bahrain	Dinar*	1.986566	2.652661	148.9204
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.199700	0.266660	14.9703
Brunei	Dollar	0.457648	0.611098	34.3070
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000083	0.000111	0.0062
Thailand	Baht	0.019085	0.025458	1.4292
UAE	Dirham	0.203925	0.272301	15.2870
Euro		1.000000	1.335300	74.9633
Argentina	Peso	0.254510	0.339847	19.0790
Brazil	Real	0.276958	0.369822	20.7611
Denmark	Kroner	0.134609	0.179743	1.0906
India	Rupee	0.016905	0.022573	1.0897
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.197104	0.263193	14.7751
Mexico	New Peso	0.067274	0.089831	5.0433
New Zealand	Dollar	0.536420	0.716281	40.2126
Norway	Kroner	0.122375	0.163407	9.1731
Pakistan	Rupee	0.012661	0.016906	0.9491
South Africa	Rand	0.130220	0.173883	9.7611
Korea	Won	0.000717	0.000957	0.0531
Sweden	Kroner	0.111599	0.149018	8.3655
Syria	Pound	0.014452	0.019298	1.0831
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.023272	0.031075	1.7444
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000391	0.000522	0.0291

Trade pact seen to open doors for RP professionals

DAVAO CITY—For Filipino architects who often end up working as draftsmen in foreign lands, the country's upcoming bilateral agreement with Japan offers a ray of hope and opportunity.

The agreement will pave the way for Filipino professionals to work in Japan.

"Even if you're already a licensed architect here, without such bilateral agreement, you could never practice your profession in foreign lands," said Davao-based architect Herculano Lagunay, former district director of the Mt. Apo chapter of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP).

"That's why most Filipino architects who decide to work abroad often end up working as draftsmen in the US and the Middle East."

Although such an agreement might trigger an exodus of Filipino architects to Japan, he said this would not be a cause for worry because as overseas contract workers (OCWs), they would eventually come back, bringing along their wealth of experiences.

"Just think of the expertise that they will eventually bring (home) with them when they return, on top of the remittances they'll be sending their families while they're working abroad," said Lagunay, who himself worked as a draftsman abroad. "Without such bilateral agreement, you leave this country as an architect but you end up as draftsman in a foreign country."

In 1992, Lagunay was hired as architect by an American company in the Mariana Islands, but ended up a draftsman for his American employer.

"I was a Filipino working for American bosses in an American company, so I ended up as a draftsman, for a while," he recalled. "It took them about a month to realize that I can do something more and that was how they started respecting me as an architect."

The country is keen on signing the agreement, called the Japan Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA). The pact will allow the opening of the market for Filipino professionals, including nurses and engineers, in exchange for the opening of the country's market for auto imports from Japan.

Lagunay said he foresees more architects, like himself, leaving the country if such an agreement will push through because they will be earning more in Japan than what they are earning here.

"Definitely, you earn more and the exposure that you learn there, is irreplaceable," he said.

A similar agreement is also being worked out among the other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Lagunay said the pact presented a chance for Filipino architects to prove their worth to the world.

"We Filipinos are a hardworking lot and we don't normally condone anything that will disrupt our work," he said. *Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Republic Cement in share-swap deal with Lafarge

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

LISTED firm Republic Cement Corp. has issued P1.35 billion in convertible loan notes to Lafarge Holdings Philippines Inc. (LHPI) in exchange for the latter's shares in cement subsidiary Continental Operating Corp.

LHPI is a local subsidiary of French conglomerate Lafarge S.A.

With the buy-in of Continental, Republic Cement will become the largest cement group in the country with a total capacity of over 8.5 million metric tons of clinker a year.

Republic Cement yesterday said in a disclosure that the loan has an interest rate of 8 percent per annum payable in arrears on the call date.

The noteholder will have the option to convert notes into common shares of Republic Cement at any time after the fifth anniversary date.

The noteholder also has the right to fix the date for the settlement and discharge of the convertible loan note at anytime after the fifth anniversary date of the note.

The settlement and discharge of the convertible loan notes however shall be mandatory on its 10th anniversary date.

The board of Republic Cement earlier announced its acquisition of Continental. LCPI recently merged with LHPI, with the latter as the surviving entity after assuming LCPI's assets and liabilities.

Republic Cement's six cement subsidiaries are Fortune Cement Corp., Premier Cement Corp., Iligan Cement Corp., Mindanao Portland Cement, FR Cement and Lloyds Richfield Industrial Corp.

Continental, on the other hand, has plants in Bulacan and Rizal.

To fund the acquisition, Republic Cement sought regulatory approval for the issuance of a convertible loan in exchange for the shares of LCPI in Continental. LCPI holds 239.04 million shares or 4.13 percent of Continental.

In 2001, Lafarge acquired Blue Circle U.K. and all its assets including one of Republic Cement's stockholders, Blue Circle Philippines Inc. The company then became part of the Lafarge Group in the Philippines.

MWCI plans to issue shares overseas

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE AYALA Group's Manila Water Co. Inc. (MWCI) is laying the groundwork for an initial public offering that will include the issuance of shares abroad.

Standing offers from foreign underwriters have led Manila Water officials to consider issuing shares overseas, according to Sherisa Nuesa, MWCI chief finance officer.

"Our intent to go public in the first quarter of 2005 has generated an interest in the international market and we might issue some of the shares there," Nuesa told the INQUIRER.

Manila Water expects to raise \$75 million from the initial public offer-

ing, but the figure could vary depending on market conditions. Manila's east concessionaire has tapped ING and BPI Capital as its financial advisors.

Proceeds from the offering will largely go to the expansion of water service coverage, non-revenue water reduction program and the development of new water resources.

The IPO is provided for in Manila Water's 25-year concession agreement with the Metropolitan Water Sewerage System (MWSS). The MWCI supplies water to Metro Manila's east zone composed of the cities of Marikina, Pasig, Mandaluyong and Makati, along with San Juan, Taguig and Pateros. It also supplies water to parts of Quezon City

and Manila.

Since it started operations, Manila Water has been posting aggressive growth rates. Last year, the company posted a net income of P1.2 billion or more than doubled the figure reported in 2002.

For the past six months of the year, Manila Water posted a net profit of P650 million as revenues rose 12 percent year-on-year to P2 billion. MWCI's aggressive capital expenditure program has resulted in significant service expansion adding 1 million people to areas being served.

East zone concessionaire MWCI has curbed its non-revenue water (NRW) levels to 44.6 percent as of October. That translates to higher water volumes delivered to customers.

Last month, MWCI increased its water delivery to 822 million liters per

day, Nuesa said.

"We have breached the 45-percent target for the entire year, and lower NRWs translate to more water delivered and billed to customers," Nuesa said.

She explained that NRWs, brought on by busted pipes and illegal connections, were lowered from a high of 53 percent as of January with the continuous installation of new pipes.

"MWCI has some P3 billion for its capital expenditure program and this has been used for almost 300 cut-and-plug projects in the entire metropolis," she said.

According to Nuesa, efforts to curb NRW, as well as wastewater and sewerage expansion, eat up a third of its capital investments, which are financed through internally generated funds and loans.

Your Bank of Choice is The Asset's Top Choice!



Equitable PCI Bank was named the Best Domestic Bank in the Philippines for 2004.

The Asset Triple A Country Awards are presented annually by The Asset regional finance publication for excellence in the financial services industry.

The award highlighted the outstanding performance of the Bank in achieving marked improvements that have resulted in its solid standing in the market.

This achievement is yet another testimony of our total commitment to serve all your banking needs.

At Equitable PCI Bank, all we do is all for you to be your Bank of Choice.

Equitable PCI BANK 
Your Bank of Choice

Contact our Call Center at 84-911 (Metro Manila)
PLDT 1-800-188-84-911 and Digital 1-800-333-84-911 (Provincial)
visit www.oquitablepciib.com



Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation, Maximum Deposit Insurance for Each Depositor P250,000.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Years



GIA®

Thailand Campus

World's #1 gemological institute
70+ year history of excellence in education
over 300,000 students worldwide

**Become a recognized professional
in the gem and jewelry industry**

**Diamonds Diploma Program
starts February 14, 2005**

GIA Thailand Campus

Bisco Tower-12th Fl., 56/12 Sub Rd., Bangrak, Bangkok Thailand
Tel: (662) 237-9575 / 77 Fax: (662) 236-9829
giathai@ksc.th.com www.giathailand.com

PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Privatization and Management Office (PMO) is offering for public bidding, on an "as-is-where-is" basis, the following asset formerly belonging to Carruf Development Corporation, as follows:

Description	Indicative Price
Unit 18-N, with an area of 77.85 sq.m. located at Legaspi Towers 300	P2,335,500

Sealed bids will be received on 16 December 2004, 3:00 p.m. at the PMO Conference Room, 6th Floor, Privatization and Management Office, 104 Gamboa St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Interested parties are advised to deal directly with the PMO Marketing Department. Authenticated bidding documents, together with the Asset Specific Catalogue, may be secured from PMO for a nominal fee of P500.00.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Maureen B. Vallente at telephone numbers 817-8762 or 892-2145.

(PDI - Dec. 2, 3 & 4, 2004)



Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation

2228 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City
Tel. No. 841-4000-30; Fax No. 841-4909; Website: www.pdic.gov.ph;

SPECIAL DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) invites interested bidders to purchase on cash basis only by way of SEALED BIDS the following property:

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MINIMUM BID
Seven (7) contiguous parcels of lot, with improvements thereon and a total net usable area of 2,011.24 sq. mtrs.	Taft Avenue Extension, Barangay 59, Sta. Clara District, Pasay City, adjacent to Iglesia Filipina Independiente and the LRT Libertad Station. The Property was the former site of Banco Primero Development Bank.	PHP 66 MM

Complete description/specifications of the property, Conditions of Bid, bid forms and other related documents, shall be made available for a fee of P 500.00 to interested bidders from December 6 to 15, 2004 at the Office of the Secretariat, Special Disposition Committee, at the Ground Floor, PDIC Building, 2228 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City. For further details, please contact Engr. Ernesto R. Torres, Jr. at telephone number 841-4000 local 4902.

Sealed bids shall be dropped at the Bid Box located at the Secretariat Extension Office, 8th floor, PDIC Ayala Extension Office, Ayala Avenue corner Herrera Street, Makati City not later than 2:00 P.M. on December 16, 2004. The bids shall be labelled "Special Disposition Committee, PDIC Makati City".

Bidder's deposit equivalent to 10% of the bid price in Certified Manager's/Cashier's Check payable to PDIC must be enclosed with the sealed bid.

PDIC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid, or to award the contract to the bidder whose bid, as evaluated, is the most beneficial to PDIC.

PDIC also assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses that they may incur in the preparation of the bid nor does it guarantee that any award will be made.

(PDI - Dec. 3, 4 & 5, 2004)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

RVC Standard Pacific Manpower Inc., a newly organized corp., with office address at Room 403, Garcia Building, 882 Quirino Hi-way Novaliches, Quezon City, is an applicant for POEA License with the following board of directors:

Rodolfo Caberto - Pres & Chair of the Board
Virginia M. Caberto - Treas. & Board Member
Girile R. Contreras - VP-Gen. Mgr. & Board Member
Carlo M. Caberto - Corp. Sec. & Board Member
Rodolfo Silverio - Board Member

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of **POLARIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**, with business address at West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Center, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City to present their claims, no later than 31 December 2004 to **MR. AGUSTIN PEREZ** or **RIZA MARI CALDITO** of **KPMG LAYA MANANGHAYA & CO.**, with Tel. Nos. 885-7000 or 893-8507 and Fax Nos. 894-1985 or 816-6595, ATTN: AGUSTIN PEREZ.

Any claims against Polaris Telecommunications, Inc., which are not presented within the prescribed time, shall be deemed to be waived.
(PDI - Nov. 29 & Dec. 1 & 3, 2004)

**TRANSPORTATION
FOR RENT**

1.5% Easy Car Loan 3748765
1.5% Easy Car Loan 7815352/55
1.5% Fast Car Loan 6560140
1.5% w/o Taking Car 355087475
1.5% w/o Taking Car 7228942-43
1.5% Fast Car Loan 7125202-
2% w/o taking car 7880183-84
2% w/o Taking Car 7262780
2% w/o Taking Car 5315577
2% w/o Taking Car 7221021
2% w/o Taking Car 896630/33
2% w/o Taking Car 8870490/95
2% w/o Taking Car 8959454
2% w/o Taking Car 3732081
2% w/o taking car 6567685

**GENERAL
ITEMS FOR SALE**

College Plans 0917-7939632
**MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS**
YAMAHA GRAND & UPRIGHT
ELITE PIANO CENTER
Almost New:TERMS-7213124
PETS
BOSTON T. Fem. 5 y.o. / 25T
M-6 mo/14T 0917-2789453
Dog Trainer 0919-2050952
ROTTWEILER PUP W/PAWERS
5mo 4008609 0919-2666391
SHIH TZU PUPS 8123216
WANTED TO BUY
WE BUY AT HIGH PRICE
ROLEX
5646593 5897041
5633742 0917-8473744

**GENERAL
ITEMS FOR SALE**

A NAME YOU CAN TRUST!
MANILA WATCH EXCHANGE
BUY • SELL • PAWN
ROLEX+OTHERS
& Other Swiss Watches
DIAMONDS / JEWELRY
Hi-Appraisal/Fast Cash
Repair/Polish Any Watch
T#804-0484 • 834-2886
PROFESSIONAL & CREDIBLE
LOW 5% INTEREST
BUY • SELL • PAWN
SWISS WATCHES
AGENCIA de MAKATI-4587017
SECONDO AYALA CENTER-8940282
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY
BUYING ROLEX
Other WATCHES. BEST PRICE
0917-8142309 • 7269687
7220433 • 4123543

**PUBLIC
NOTICES**

Notice is given that Cad. Lot 1146-B, Csd-04-024480-D, Cad. 285, Carmona Cad. under Tax Dec. No. 04-009-02601 with area of 10,999 sq. m., located at Cabilang Baybay, Carmona, Cavite, was extrajudicially settled among Heirs of late Sp. Publio and Josefina Manguit per Doc. No. 498, Page No. 100, Book No. II, Series of 2004 of Notary Public Virgilio B. Galeon of Biñan, Laguna. (Nov. 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 2004)
Notice is given that Cad. Lot 1146-B, Csd-04-024480-D, Cad. 285, Carmona Cad. under Tax Dec. No. 04-009-02601 with area of 10,999 sq. m., located at Cabilang Baybay, Carmona, Cavite, was extrajudicially settled among Heirs of late Lydia Manguit Bacsalra per Doc. No. 499, Page No. 100, Book No. II, Series of 2004 of Notary Public Virgilio B. Galeon of Biñan, Laguna. (Nov. 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 2004)

**PUBLIC
NOTICES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE AMELIA LUNES-ELICIERO OF GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE HAS BEEN EXTRAJUDICIALLY SETTLED AMONG THE HEIRS UNDER DOC. NO. 47; PAGE NO. 11; BOOK NO. XXIV; SERIES OF 2004 OF NOTARY PUBLIC DANILO CARRIAGA OF QUEZON CITY ON NOV. 24, 2004
PDI-Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2004
AUCTION SALE
MARA PAWNSHOP BR of 2230 M. Roxas St. Sta Ana Manila Auction Sale on Dec. 7, 2004, Tuesday 2:30 in the afternoon. Respectively, July 10 - Aug. 7, 2004
SONS OF J. LANUZA, Auctioneer.
Bazaar 6721721-23
Frm Asia to North America, including US, Canada, China & more LBS is possessed to help you develop & expand a global biz. Log-on www.188edc.com
RTW Wholesaler 3738821

**PUBLIC
NOTICES**

AUCTION SALE
MARA PAWNSHOP BR of 2230 M. Roxas St. Sta Ana Manila Auction Sale on Dec. 7, 2004, Tuesday 2:30 in the afternoon. Respectively, July 10 - Aug. 7, 2004
SONS OF J. LANUZA, Auctioneer.
Bazaar 6721721-23
Frm Asia to North America, including US, Canada, China & more LBS is possessed to help you develop & expand a global biz. Log-on www.188edc.com
RTW Wholesaler 3738821

**INVESTMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**
TOP LEADERS NEEDED W/ U.S. TOP UPLINE SUPPORT. OPENING SOON - MANGOSTEEN JUICE W/ 32+ PROVEN BENEFITS, 20 YRS PATENT. 09195531353, <http://riakemeto.biz/golife>
MALE/FEMALE
SALES AGENTS
928-0512/0917-8941622

Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
BINANGONAN, RIZAL
BRANCH 70

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR CORPORATE REHABILITATION
OF FILIPINAS SHUTTERS, INC.

FILIPINAS SHUTTERS, INC.,
Petitioner.

SPEC. PROC. NO. 04-039

STAY ORDER

Before this Court is a verified petition for rehabilitation filed by the above-named petitioner.

Briefly, the petitioner contends that if it will be given a breathing space and a reasonable period of time within which to pursue a rehabilitation plan, it will be able to generate sufficient cash flow to pay off its debts (Php82,562,200.00) and attain profitability. The rehabilitation plan calls for the retirement of about ninety percent of its labor force to bring down overhead costs; outsourcing of most of its production work; a ten (10) year repayment period with an 18-month moratorium on interests on loans and a 24-month moratorium on loan principal payments and other obligations. Consequently, it prays for the immediate appointment of a rehabilitation receiver and the issuance of a Stay Order pending proceedings before this Court.

A careful examination of the Petition shows that in conformity with Section 2, Rule 4 of the Interim Rules of Procedure on Corporate Rehabilitation (A.M. No. 00-10-SC), this Court therefore finds the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, this court hereby issues a Stay Order, in accordance with Section 8, Rule 4 of the afore-cited Interim Rules, as follows:

- 1) Appointing Mr. Jose N. Romblon, a certified public accountant by profession, as rehabilitation receiver, who shall be considered as an offer of the court as provided for in Section 14, Rule 4 of the afore-cited Interim Rules. The rehabilitation receiver must post a bond of Php500,000.00 before entering upon his powers, duties and functions and must take an oath, as provided under Section 15, Rule 4 of the afore-cited Interim Rules. The petitioner is directed to serve immediately a copy of this Stay Order upon the rehabilitation receiver, Mr. Jose N. Romblon, who shall manifest his acceptance or non-acceptance of his appointment not later than ten (10) days from receipt hereof;
- 2) Staying enforcement of all claims whether for money or otherwise and whether such enforcement is by court action or otherwise, against the petitioner, and its guarantors and sureties not solidarily liable with the petitioner including the staying of proceedings of collection cases filed against petitioner, and the staying of the enforcement/implementation of applications for extra-judicial foreclosure sales and actual foreclosure sale/s if any, against the real and personal properties of petitioner;
- 3) Prohibiting the petitioner from selling, encumbering, transferring, or disposing in any manner of its properties except in the ordinary course of business;
- 4) Prohibiting the petitioner from making any payment of its liabilities outstanding as of the date of the filing of the petition;
- 5) Prohibiting the suppliers of the petitioner from withholding supply of goods and services in the ordinary course of business for as long the petitioner makes payments for the services and goods supplied after the issuance of this Stay Order;
- 6) Directing the petitioner to pay, in full, all administrative expenses incurred after the issuance of the Stay Order.

The initial hearing on the Petition is set on January 31, 2005 at 8:30 in the morning at the session room Branch 70 of this Court located at the Ground Floor of the Hall of Justice situated at the University of Rizal System, Calumpang, Binangonan, Rizal. All creditors and all interested parties including the securities and Exchange Commission are directed to file with this Court and serve upon the petitioner a verified comment or opposition to the Petition, with supporting affidavits and documents, not later than ten (10) days before the date of the initial hearing as set forth above, and they are put on notice that their failure to do so will bar them from participating in the proceedings before this Court. All creditors and all interested parties are further directed to secure from this Court, copies of the Petition and its annexes within such time as to enable them to file their verified comment or opposition to the Petition and to prepare them for the initial hearing of the petition.

The petitioner is furthermore directed by this Court to publish a copy of this Order in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the last publication effected at least three (3) weeks prior to the date of initial hearing as set forth above, for wider dissemination to all interested persons, at the expense of the petitioner.

The Process Server of this Court is ordered to serve immediately copies of this Stay Order upon: 1) Mr. Maximino Y. Chua, President, Filipinas Shuttles, Inc., Km. 23, Ortigas Avenue Ext., Calamba, Rizal; 2) Atty. Rodrigo L. Yuson, Unit 508 Ark Condominium, 92 Sierra Madre St., Mandaluyong City; 3) Mr. Jose N. Romblon, Unit C, 3rd Fl., Tempus Place II, 21 Malabon St., Diliman, Quezon City; 4) The Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, EDSA, Mandaluyong City; 5) Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company, Metrobank Plaza, San Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City; 6) Equitable PCI Bank, Robinsons - PCI Tower, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

SO ORDERED.
Binangonan, Rizal, 11 November 2004.
(Sgd.) AUGUSTO T. GUTIERREZ
Presiding Judge
(PDI-Nov. 28 & Dec. 3, 2004)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC-Bisig, RDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PRUDENTIAL LIFE FIXED INCOME FUND, INC.
-Registrant-

SEC-CFD ORDER NO. 168
SERIES OF 2004

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Registration Statement and other papers and documents attached thereto filed for and on behalf of PRUDENTIAL LIFE FIXED INCOME FUND, INC., the Commission in its meeting of November 25, 2004 resolved to approve the registration of said corporation as an investment company under the Investment Company Act and its implementing Rules and Regulations and to render effective its Registration Statement covering its Two Hundred Million (200,000,000) common shares under the Securities Regulation Code.

A Certificate of Permit to Offer Securities For Sale authorizing the sale of said securities is issued with this Order.

Let this ORDER be published at the expense of the corporation once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines within ten (10) days from date hereof. The corporation is hereby directed to furnish the Commission with a copy of the affidavit of publication of this ORDER.

SO ORDERED.
EDSA, Greenhills, City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines.
25 November 2004
(Sgd.) JUSTINA F. CALLANGAN
Director
(PDI-Dec. 3 & 6, 2004)

OBITUARIES

Adela Salayo-Torres

(Widow of the late Mayor Fidel V. Torres of Sampaloc, Quezon)

*Has gone to her eternal rest in the peace of our
Lord on December 1, 2004 at the age of 80.*

Her beloved children: Agnes & Noriel Devanadera, Grace & Lito Lim, Naning & Lolet, Ebet & Anna Marie, Marian & Edong Hugo, Sonjie, Brigitte, Jun & Miles, Beth & Lorenz Suarez, Mary Jane & Benedict Valdecañas, grandchildren and great grandchildren request prayers for her everlasting joy in the company of the Angels and the Saints.

Her body lies in state at the Mortuary and Crematory at the Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio.
Interment will be on December 5, 2004 at the Heritage Park after the 9:00am mass.

"Lord my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my rock of refuge,
my shield my loving horn, my stronghold..." Psalm 18:3

**VENERANDO "BENNY"
BERNARDO JOSON**

of Ilog Baliwag, Quezon NE and
Mabini St., Cabanatuan City
(August 25, 1954 - November 29, 2004)

His loving wife : Noneth Hipolito Joson
Children : Kathryn Menelea - Manuel G. Chua, Jr.
Karine Camille
Kalvin Vennet
Kleana Isabelle
Grandchild : Klarine Angela
Mother : Brigida Bernardo Joson

Brothers, sisters, and brothers and sisters-in-law request the pious readers to join them in expressing thanks to the Lord for his life - a loving and faithful husband, father, brother, and son.

His cremated remains will be interred after a Holy Mass is celebrated in his memory at St. Nicholas de Tolentine Crypt, Lakewood City, Cabanatuan City at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 4, 2004.

**Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

Matthew 10:39

**I am
the way,
the truth
and
the life.
No one
comes
to the
Father
except
through
Me.**
John 14:6

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION

Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
 ☎ 897-8425 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8978425
 G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
 ☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
 ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
 ☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
 SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
 ☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
 G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
 ☎ 5273342 ☎ 522-4406 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
 ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
 ☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
 e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

OBITUARIES

THE HERITAGE PARK
 PORT BONIFACIO

Memorial Park
 Mortuary
 Viewing Chapels
 Crematory

Bayani Road, Fort Bonifacio,
 Taguig, Metro Manila

Trunk Line: (632) 845-2334 to 38

Sra Dña Margarita Cuyugan

vda. de Ernesto von Oppen †

entregó su alma a Dios el día 1 de diciembre de 2004

Sus apenados hijos Gretchen, Antonio, Vicky y Alejandro ; sus hijos politicos Danding Cojuangco y Cecile Jamora; sus nietos Mark y Kimi Cojuangco, Tina y Mike Barrera, Lisa y Nick Cruz, Charlie y Rio † Cojuangco, Rina Oppen, Marita y Mike Hofileña, Cindy Oppen y Ness Oppen, Trisha y Marty Syquia, Janine Santos y Nikki Revilla, viznietos Danielle, Paola y Eduardo Cojuangco, Teddy, Michelle, Ernesto y Monica Barrera, Patricia, Santiago y Sophia Cruz, Claudia y Jaime Cojuangco, Tara Oppen, Miggy Lopez, Marco Hofileña y Sancho Syquia.

ruegan una oracion por su alma

El velatorio será en su residencia
 2227 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

El funeral se celebrará el día 7 de Diciembre de 2004
 a las nueve y media, Christ the King,
 Green Meadows, Quezon City.

El entierro sera despues de la misa.

*En lugar de flores y tarjetas de misas, envien donaciones a las hermanas Franciscanas de
 San Antonio, Casa de Providencia Pontevedra, Negros Occidental.*

The faculty of Medicine and Surgery Class 1980 of the University of Sto. Tomas
 express our deepest sympathy to the family of

PAUL ESTRADA PONCIANO, M.D.

He is survived by his wife **Josefina**; children **Paulo Jose, Randolph, Pauline, Jocelyn & Ivan**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows, Quezon City.
 Cremation will follow after the 9:00 a.m. Mass tomorrow, December 4, 2004.

Message of Thanks

We, the Family,
 Former & Present Employees
 of the late

CONSUELO M. VALDERRAMA

would like to thank all
 who condoled with us, offered masses
 and prayers, sent flowers and messages,
 and comforted us during the hour
 of our bereavement, may the Lord
 bless you all.

ERNESTO
MANAHAN CRUZ

Peacefully joined his Creator
 on November 29, 2004 at the age of 78.

His bereaved wife Cesia Bugayong; children Eileen & Fernando Florendo, Eric & Josephine, Lorna & Jose Garrido, Raul & Grace and Thomas & Judy Virgiline; grandchildren Ejane, Kristofer, Bridget, Stephanie, Michael, Matthew, Timmy and Joseph, and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Chapel D, La Funeraria Paz, Inc., G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, December 5, 2004,
 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City
 after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

"Absent from the body is present with the Lord ...
 and he will dwell in the house of the Lord."

GOV. Ka BART L. MARASIGAN

of Oriental Mindoro

Peacefully joined his Creator
 on December 1, 2004 at the age of 67.

He is survived by his wife REMY; children
 MURPHY & BORIE, VLADY & GENI,
 MIRALIE & ALEX, TOMY, MARICHU
 and grandchildren.

His remains lie in state
 at the Arlington Memorial Chapels,
 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
 and will be transferred to Calapan City
 on December 4, 2004.

Interment to be announced later.

ERLINDA DE CASTRO GUTIERREZ

Born: May 19, 1934

Peacefully joined her Creator on November 30, 2004.

Her bereaved family husband Francisco Gutierrez;
 children Irel & Mercy, Cynthia, Butch, John, Louie & Magnolia,
 Arlene & Misael; grandchildren Trisha, Sam, Maxine, Benedict,
 Pln. Jacob; brother Eddie & Cita; sisters-in-law Cres,
 Penny & Cosme; brother-in-law Pepling (†) & Liling;
 and other relatives request the pious readers to pray
 for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels,
 Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the
 Loyola Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque
 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass

Asia stocks up, dollar at new low

SINGAPORE—Asian shares touched multi-year highs on Thursday, in line with Wall Street, as a 7.4 percent crude oil price slump and strong US economic data swept aside export worries even as the dollar hit a new low against the euro.

US crude prices fell more than \$3.5 a barrel overnight for their biggest slide in three years on a larger-than-expected increase in US fuel stocks, but they steadied above \$45 a barrel in Asian trade.

European stock markets were indicated higher.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng hit a three-and-a-half-year high, and an MSCI index of non-Japan shares rose more than 1.4 percent to its highest level in nearly five years.

World stocks as measured by the MSCI added 0.43 percent to 278.16, down slightly from its highest level since mid-2001 reached earlier in the session.

Japanese government bonds rose, reversing an early slide, as strong demand at an auction of 10-year securities outweighed the damping effect of a 1.75-percent climb in Tokyo shares to 10,973.07.

The lower dollar helped push gold to a new 16-year high, and US Treasuries steadied after falls overnight.

The dollar slipped to \$1.3370 against the euro, a record low, as concerns about the United States' twin deficits piled on the selling pressure and outweighed any impact from the data.

"Nobody seems to care about the economic data," said Marshall Gittler, senior currency strategist at Deutsche Bank in Tokyo. "That indicates sentiment for the dollar is seriously, seriously bearish."

The euro was at \$1.3363 in late Asia trade. The yen was trading at 102.17 per dollar, just off a 4-1/2-year high of 102.15. Sterling fetched \$1.9345, near a 12-year high struck late on Wednesday of \$1.9359.

US light crude for January edged up 12 cents to \$45.61 a barrel in Asia after sliding more than \$3.50 on Wednesday.

The selling trigger was data from the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) which said distillate stocks, including heating oil and diesel, rose 2.3 million barrels in the week to Nov. 26 to 117.9 million barrels.

Analysts polled by Reuters had projected a 1.4 million barrel build.

Stocks were supported by the crude price fall. High prices this year have weighed heavily on fuel users, and on global economic

prospects.

The US data that did so little for the greenback also underpinned share gains.

Asian investors moved into stock sectors that were hard hit in recent days.

"Their targets are high-tech and other exporters which have been a bit oversold," said Koichi Seki, equity manager at Chuo Securities.

In Japan, Toyota Motor bounced up 1.57 percent from Wednesday's seven-month closing low. In Korea, LG Electronics climbed 2.2 percent, and Hong Kong-listed China Southern Airlines climbed 2.4 percent among strong airlines as fuel cost worries eased.

But the crude price fall took its toll on energy stocks.

Japan's AOC Holdings shed 4.4 percent and Inpex slipped 2.3 percent, while Australia's Woodside Petroleum fell 0.94 percent and Hong Kong-listed Chinese firm CNOOC dropped 1.7 percent.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Japan's top smelter of nonferrous metals, including copper and gold, benefited from strong gold and the weak dollar, climbing 1.6 percent.

Singapore's Straits Times added 1.27 percent, and Taiwan's benchmark index climbed 1.2 percent.



A SOUTH Korean employee wearing a snowman outfit to help promote Christmas already using the Christmas and New Year holiday season to promote their business.

Top US execs' outlook down a notch, but still positive on 2005 growth

WASHINGTON—Top executives at major US firms have ratcheted down their economic forecasts for the coming months, but still see respectable growth in 2005, a survey showed Wednesday.

The Business Roundtable CEO Economic Outlook Index dipped to 98.9 from 101.7 in September.

Despite the dip, it was the second-highest index level for the survey, which was started in November 2002.

The drop of 2.8 points in the index reflects a somewhat less robust employment outlook and a decline in the sales outlook since the September 2004 survey.

"America's CEOs continue to be upbeat about business conditions for early 2005," said Hank McKinnell, chairman of Business Roundtable and chairman and CEO

of Pfizer Inc.

The CEOs in the survey, which represent the largest US corporations, see an average of 3.5 percent economic growth as they draw up their business plans for 2005, down slightly from an estimated 4 percent in 2004.

"CEOs are forecasting continuing solid growth with a slight easing from the robust growth of 2004," McKinnell said.

"This is most likely due to high oil prices, which increase costs to many companies and force consumers to spend more on gasoline and heating oil, and to trim other expenditures," he said.

In the survey, 85 percent of the chief executives said they expect higher sales at their firms in the next six months, with 13 percent predicting no change and on-

ly 2 percent forecasting a decline.

But only 40 percent said they planned to hire more employees, with the same percentage saying they saw stable employment.

One out of five said he expected fewer jobs.

Half said they expected to increase capital spending, and 43 percent said this would hold steady over the next six months.

For the second year in a row, CEOs reported that their top three cost pressures are health care costs (cited by 43 percent), followed by litigation costs (20 percent) and energy prices (19 percent).

Materials prices were reported as the greatest cost pressure by 11 percent of the CEOs, followed by labor costs (4 percent) and pension costs (4 percent).

AFP

S. Korea business sentiment lowest in 20 months

SEOUL—South Korean business sentiment fell to its weakest in 20 months in December, as a strong won cast a shadow over the prospects for exports and domestic demand remained weak, a top business group said on Thursday.

The Federation of Korean Industries (FKI) said in a statement its seasonally adjusted business survey index fell to 90.1 in December, the lowest since touching 81.9 in April last year and down from 96.2 in November.

The data was the latest in a series of indicators showing the economy, Asia's third largest, still faced a dual risk from a two-year slump in private consumption and a cooling in exports.

A similar survey by the central bank on Wednesday also showed the majority of firms remained pessimistic about their future business conditions. The Bank of Korea's all-industry business survey index edged down to 71 in December from 73 in November.

A reading below 100 in both surveys mean the number of companies expecting their business to

worsen outpaced those expecting an improvement.

The bleak surveys came after October industrial production data and November inflation figures released this week provided the central bank with more scope to deliver a fresh cut in interest rates to keep the economy on a recovery track.

October industrial production unexpectedly dropped 0.9 percent from September after seasonal adjustments while the consumer inflation fell to a six-month low of 3.3 percent in the year through November from October's 3.8 percent.

The Bank of Korea, which cut the overnight call rate target by one percentage point to a record low of 3.25 percent since early last year, holds its monthly policy meeting next Thursday.

The head of the International Monetary Fund's Seoul office, Kenneth Kang, said at a private forum on Thursday South Korea had room to ease monetary policy and expand fiscal spending to boost the economy.

Reuters

The new
BMW 1 Series



Sheer
Driving Pleasure

www.bmw.com.ph

The new BMW 1 Series. You are the 1.

And now there is one; the new BMW 1 Series is full of individual personality, striking style and a very unique attitude. The BMW 1 Series is the only one in its class. The only one with groundbreaking BMW design. The only one with rear-wheel drive and trademark BMW handling. The only one with a perfect combination of functionality and versatility. As you can see, the BMW 1 Series is one of a kind — for the one who exudes individuality.

Experience the new BMW 1 Series at the BMW Pavilion, Bonifacio Global City, from December 4-9, 2004. Test drive slots available from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The first 30 buyers of the new BMW 1 Series will each get an HP IPAQ h6365 Pocket PC.

US economy picking up, Fed says

WASHINGTON—The US economy is gaining momentum, bolstered by home building, shipping and even the country's beleaguered manufacturing sector, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a newly upbeat assessment.

Evidence of a strengthening economy showed up in other reports as well.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending shot up by 0.7 percent in October, the best showing since July, as Americans' incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by 0.6 percent.

The gain in incomes reflected the big increase of 337,000 payroll jobs in October, the best in seven months.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management reported that its main index for measuring industrial activity performed better than expected, rising to 57.8 in November from 56.8 in October.

The Federal Reserve said that reports from its 12 regions "generally paint a picture of continued economic growth" from mid-October through mid-November with improvements noted in a number of areas.

The Fed's latest "Beige Book," named for the color of its cover, will be used when policy-makers meet for their last discussion of the

year on Dec. 14.

It is widely expected that the Fed will raise interest rates for a fifth straight time this year in an effort to make sure that the rebounding economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The reviving economy has been having an impact on inflation in such industries as energy, transportation and food, but the Fed said retailers are still having difficulty passing those increased costs on to consumers because of stiff competition.

The Fed survey showed rising demand for manufactured goods, encouraging news for a portion of the economy that has seen the loss of 2.7 million jobs over the past four years.

There was rising demand for chemicals, food and a variety of products used in the aerospace, agriculture, energy, construction, medical and defense industries, the report said.

The rebound in manufacturing was helping job markets, and some areas of the country were even experiencing labor shortages for such occupations as accounting, construction and skilled professionals in the energy industry.

As for consumer spending, analysts said the 0.7-percent jump after a strong 0.6-percent rise in September showed that consumers, who ac-

count for two-thirds of total economic activity, were getting a second wind.

"Consumers were not deterred by higher oil prices and by consumer confidence numbers that keep on going lower," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

The overall economy grew at a solid 3.9 percent rate in the July-September period, and based on Wednesday's reports many analysts said that growth this quarter could be even better.

Wednesday's spending report showed that consumer spending on big-ticket durable goods such as cars, rose just 0.2 percent in October after a 1.2-percent gain in September.

The Fed survey, which covered the last half of October and early November, indicated that consumer spending may have faltered a bit in November, calling activity "uneven." The Fed said that many districts found demand for premium merchandise noticeably stronger than for lower-priced lines, which the report said could indicate that higher energy prices were hurting lower-income households.

Things were looking up on the nation's farms with large yields expected for corn and soybean farmers and record cotton production forecast for Texas.

AP



A saleswoman greets children at a discount store in Seoul. Many shops are closing in the hopes that they will boost sales at the end of the year.

AFP

Motorola drops to third in cell phones; Nokia remains leader

CHICAGO—Five years after losing the lead in world cell phone sales to Nokia Corp., Motorola Inc. slipped to No. 3 behind Samsung Electronics Co. in third-quarter data released Wednesday by research firm Gartner Inc.

The new figures reflect a near dead-heat for the runner-up spot, with Samsung holding 13.8 percent of the global handset market to 13.4 percent for Motorola.

The full-year rankings remain up for grabs.

But Motorola's decline in market share underscores how important it is for the Schaumburg, Illinois-based company to score big in the all-important holiday selling season if it wants to regain credibility lost with consumers through years of product missteps and flawed strategy.

According to the Gartner data, runaway leader Nokia boosted its market share by more than a percentage point from the second quarter to 30.9 percent as it benefited from price cuts on its new models.

Motorola's share was down 1.3 percent from a year earlier as it focused on more expensive phones with bigger profit potential. But the Gartner report said the company's portfolio of newly introduced products "puts it in a good position to fight back for second position in the fourth quarter."

First-year CEO Ed Zander portrays Motorola as still in come-back mode, gaining in profitability if not in mobile phone market share. But he told analysts the company feels good about its chances of picking up more market share this quarter with the array of 20 new phones it shipped

this quarter.

"We're a healthier, stronger, more profitable company" than a year ago, Zander said at a conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. And, without giving numbers, he hinted at early success for the company's new \$500 (376 euro) Razr phone: "We've got the hottest product, I think, on the planet right now in the handset business."

Wall Street also appears optimistic about Motorola's prospects, particularly since the company appears to have avoided a repeat of last year's holiday mix-up when it failed to get some key camera phones to shelves by Christmas. Shares rose 49 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$19.75 on the New York Stock Exchange and have gained more than 20 percent since early November.

"Even if they're No. 3 but they

have very solid, profitable growth, that would be fine with us," said Kenneth Leon, an analyst for Standard and Poor's. "The management is much more focused on profitable growth than seeking sales just for market share."

Leon anticipates Motorola picking up market share from Samsung with increased sales over the holidays.

Analyst Kevin Dede also sees signs the company is about to turn the tide somewhat.

"The trend's been against Motorola for a long time, and the competition's super-tough," said Dede, of Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. "But I think they've got their act together for developing functional product that's easier to use... With consumer electronics, part of it is buzz. And I think Motorola's starting to get the buzz back."

AP



NOKIA, the world's largest mobile phone maker, announced on Wednesday that it was considering building a handset factory in India.

AP





HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

8th Floor Pacific Center Bldg., San Miguel Avenue
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

INVITATION TO BID

The Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) Bidding Committee shall conduct a public bidding for the sale of the following acquired residential properties on December 23, THURSDAY, 2:00 PM at 8th FLR., Pacific Center Bldg, San Miguel Avenue Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID		
BULACAN AREA					120	BLK 02 LOT 20 SEC 01 PH II	T-665936	20.12	38.50	198,244.08	
BELMONT PARK VILLAGE					121	BLK 02 LOT 20 SEC 04 PH II	T-667054	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	
Bo. Cayombo Sta Maria Bulacan					122	BLK 02 LOT 21 SEC 07 PH I	T-672964A	20.12	38.50	169,047.98	
1	BLK 15 LOT 30	T-344550(M)	22.00	38.50	255,479.85	123	BLK 02 LOT 25 & 27 SEC 05 PH I	T-671090/088	20.12	77.00	292,749.05
CARISSA HOMES NORTH					124	BLK 02 LOT 25 SEC 01 PH II	T-669941	20.12	38.50	169,345.26	
Bo. Sto Cristo San Jose Del Monte Bulacan					125	BLK 02 LOT 26 & 28 SEC 07 PH I	T-672969A/71	20.12	77.00	288,695.39	
2	BLK 01 LOT 04 PH 5C	T-35287P (M)	20.62	55.00	170,162.87	126	BLK 02 LOT 26 SEC 01 PH II	T-665942	20.12	38.50	209,151.13
CITYVILLE HOMES					127	BLK 02 LOT 27 SEC 01 PH II	T-665943	20.12	38.50	169,345.26	
Bo. Tungkong Mangga, San Jose Del Monte Bulacan					128	BLK 02 LOT 27 SEC 06 PH I	T-672410-A	20.12	38.50	200,015.49	
3	BLK 08 LOT 05	T-202746(M)	31.50	35.00	233,325.95	129	BLK 02 LOT 29 & 31 SEC 04 PH II	T-667063/65	20.12	77.00	337,048.35
4	BLK 10 LOT 06	T-202802(M)	31.50	35.00	233,325.95	130	BLK 02 LOT 29 SEC 06 PH I	T-672412-A	20.12	38.50	209,336.74
HARMONY HILLS SUBD					131	BLK 02 LOT 30 SEC 03 PH II	T-666824	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	
Bo. Muzon San Jose Del Monte Bulacan					132	BLK 02 LOT 30 SEC 05 PH I	T-671093	20.12	38.50	177,331.10	
5	BLK 02 LOT 02 PH I	T-195558(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	133	BLK 02 LOT 31 SEC 03 PH I	T-667667	20.12	38.50	197,901.95
6	BLK 12 LOT 48 PH I	T-197220(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	134	BLK 02 LOT 32 SEC 03 PH II	T-666826	20.12	38.50	190,513.41
7	BLK 13 LOT 41 PH I	T-197277(M)	24.00	57.00	305,512.12	135	BLK 02 LOT 34 & 36 SEC 04 PH I	T-670751/753	20.12	74.00	373,526.54
8	BLK 19 LOT 11 PH II	T-266054(M)	20.00	35.00	196,553.59	136	BLK 02 LOT 35 SEC 02 PH II	T-666654	20.12	38.50	188,785.74
9	BLK 19 LOT 16 PH II	T-266059(M)	20.00	35.00	199,341.98	137	BLK 02 LOT 36 SEC 03 PH II	T-666830	20.12	38.50	200,309.15
10	BLK 21 LOT 57 PH I	T-197681(M)	24.00	57.00	179,039.30	138	BLK 02 LOT 36 SEC 06 PH I	T-672419-A	20.12	38.50	274,681.57
11	BLK 23 LOT 30 PH I	T-197782(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	139	BLK 02 LOT 43 SEC 06 PH III	T-732219	20.12	38.50	189,126.74
12	BLK 26 LOT 26 PH I	T-197970(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	140	BLK 03 LOT 03 SEC 06 PH III	T-732230	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
13	BLK 29 LOT 69 PH I	T-198205	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	141	BLK 03 LOT 04 & 05 SEC 08 PH III	T-732715/714	20.12	89.00	348,152.98
14	BLK 30 LOT 21 PH I	T-198251(M)	24.00	59.00	310,484.12	142	BLK 03 LOT 05 SEC 01 PH II	T-665951	20.12	38.50	208,802.11
15	BLK 52 LOT 03 PH I	T-200107(M)	24.00	38.00	197,090.62	143	BLK 03 LOT 06 SEC 01 PH II	T-665952	20.12	54.00	260,312.80
MELODY PLAINS SUBD					144	BLK 03 LOT 06 SEC 08 PH I	T-673503	20.12	38.50	190,939.34	
Bo. Sta Maria Meycauyan Bulacan					145	BLK 03 LOT 06 SEC 10 PH III	T-732890	20.12	38.50	175,060.41	
16	BLK 14 LOT 22	T-243620(M)	20.16	39.60	192,524.53	147	BLK 03 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 07 PH I	T-672992A/990A	20.12	77.00	337,910.07
17	BLK 25 LOT 12	T-243657(M)	20.16	39.60	179,726.10	148	BLK 03 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 09 PH I	T-672660A/662A	20.12	77.00	321,835.25
18	BLK 29 LOT 13	T-243952(M)	20.16	39.60	192,524.53	149	BLK 03 LOT 08 & 10 SEC 09 PH I	T-673661A/63A	20.12	77.00	298,620.99
19	BLK 39 LOT 19	T-244208(M)	20.16	39.60	192,524.53	150	BLK 03 LOT 09 SEC 08 PH I	T-673506A	20.12	38.50	203,017.99
20	BLK 48 LOT 17	T-244523(M)	20.16	39.60	192,524.53	151	BLK 03 LOT 10 SEC 08 PH II	T-673507	20.12	38.50	210,216.66
21	BLK 51 LOT 20	T-244592(M)	20.16	39.60	173,272.06	152	BLK 03 LOT 11 SEC 04 PH II	T-667095	20.12	38.50	210,120.65
22	BLK 63 LOT 19 & 20	T-244919(M)/20M	20.16	61.40	290,174.26	153	BLK 03 LOT 11 SEC 07 PH I	T-672994-A	20.12	38.50	192,710.52
23	BLK 95 LOT 09	T-245764(M)	20.16	39.60	192,524.53	154	BLK 03 LOT 11 SEC 10 PH III	T-732895	20.12	38.50	192,873.09
24	BLK 99 LOT 12	T-245856(M)	20.16	39.60	158,628.59	155	BLK 03 LOT 12 SEC 06 PH III	T-732239	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
NORTHBRIDGE					156	BLK 03 LOT 12 SEC 10 PH III	T-732896	20.12	38.50	194,511.57	
Bo. Sto Cristo SJDM Bulacan					157	BLK 03 LOT 15 SEC 01 PH I	T-667374	20.12	38.50	192,710.52	
25	BLK 06 LOT 37	T-363764(M)	38.00	44.00	216,355.25	158	BLK 03 LOT 15 SEC 10 PH III	T-732899	20.12	38.50	190,439.60
NORTHWINDS CITY					159	BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 03 PH II	T-666850	20.12	38.50	208,802.11	
Bo. Sto Cristo SJDM Bulacan					160	BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 06 PH III	T-732243	20.12	38.50	177,892.05	
26	BLK 09 LOT 10 PH 4C	T-55288P(M)	25.00	60.00	276,119.64	161	BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 07 PH I	T-672999-A	20.12	38.50	194,870.41
27	BLK 07 LOT 18 PH 3B	T-272855(M)	25.00	79.00	236,455.33	162	BLK 03 LOT 17 SEC 06 PH III	T-732244	20.12	38.50	193,988.03
SARMIENTO HOMES					163	BLK 03 LOT 18 SEC 04 PH II	T-667092	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	
Bo. Muzon SJDM Bulacan					164	BLK 03 LOT 18 SEC 08 PH I	T-673515-A	20.12	38.50	214,507.80	
28	BLK 22 LOT 37	T-236497(M)	26.40	60.00	341,075.20	165	BLK 03 LOT 19 & 21 SEC 06 PH III	T-732246/732248	20.12	73.00	297,974.39
29	BLK 28 LOT 75	T-426288(M)	28.40	40.00	193,764.36	166	BLK 03 LOT 21 & 23 SEC 01 PH I	T-667382/380	20.12	72.50	306,823.35
30	BLK 31 LOT 08	T-235768(M)	20.72	40.00	220,740.64	167	BLK 03 LOT 21 SEC 01 PH II	T-665967	20.12	38.50	208,113.75
31	BLK 50 LOT 45	T-230899P(M)	26.40	40.00	224,332.80	168	BLK 03 LOT 24 & 26 SEC 10 PH III	T-732910/08	20.12	81.00	289,905.31
WOODBRIDGE					169	BLK 03 LOT 24 SEC 04 PH II	T-667098	20.12	38.50	190,513.41	
Bo. Poblacion Pandi Bulacan					170	BLK 03 LOT 25 SEC 04 PH II	T-667099	20.12	38.50	207,609.60	
32	BLK 64 LOT 07	T-353869(M)	20.00	42.00	151,396.12	171	BLK 03 LOT 26 SEC 07 PH I	T-673009-A	20.12	38.50	191,905.43
CAVITE AREA					172	BLK 03 LOT 27 SEC 02 PH II	T-666646	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	
ARMSTRONG VILLAGE					173	BLK 03 LOT 27 SEC 04 PH II	T-667101	20.12	38.50	206,339.54	
Bo. Salawag, Dasmariñas Cavite					174	BLK 03 LOT 31 SEC 03 PH II	T-666885	20.12	53.00	254,891.57	
33	BLK 02 LOT 67	T-543426	21.00	38.00	189,418.13	175	BLK 03 LOT 32 SEC 03 PH II	T-666886	20.12	38.50	200,425.49
34	BLK 04 LOT 16	T-543589	21.00	38.00	189,418.13	176	BLK 03 LOT 32 SEC 08 PH III	T-732742	20.12	38.50	185,819.09
BELLEVIEW MEADOWS					177	BLK 03 LOT 36 SEC 04 PH II	T-667110	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	
Bo. Bagtas Tanza Cavite					178	BLK 03 LOT 36 SEC 08 PH III	T-732746	20.12	38.50	196,671.57	
35	BLK 01 LOT 09 SEC 33	T-605186	20.16	39.60	189,382.01	179	BLK 03 LOT 38 & 40 SEC 03 PH II	T-666872/874	20.12	77.00	266,247.50
36	BLK 05 LOT 13 SEC 34	T-605423	20.16	39.60	172,434.98	180	BLK 03 LOT 38 & 40 SEC 07 PH I	T-673021/023	20.12	38.50	337,755.26
BELVEDERE					181	BLK 03 LOT 38 SEC 08 PH III	T-732748	20.12	38.50	173,332.74	
Bo. Quintana Tanza Cavite					182	BLK 04 LOT 02 & 04 SEC 02 PH II	T-666861/663	20.12	82.50	353,438.35	
Bo. Pasong Kawayan Gen Trias Cavite					183	BLK 04 LOT 03 & 04 SEC 02 PH I	T-667457/456	20.12	77.00	320,915.47	
37	BLK 01 LOT 03 & 04 SEC 07 PH I	T-672907A/906A	20.12	77.00	321,838.25	184	BLK 04 LOT 03 SEC 08 PH III	T-732765	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
38	BLK 01 LOT 06 SEC 02 PH II	T-666560	20.12	38.50	197,516.95	185	BLK 04 LOT 05 & 07 SEC 01 PH II	T-665977/979	20.12	77.00	320,760.66
39	BLK 01 LOT 06 SEC 04 PH II	T-667000	20.12	38.50	184,867.92	186	BLK 04 LOT 05 SEC 03 PH II	T-666879	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
40	BLK 01 LOT 06 SEC 08 PH III	T-732650	20.12	36.00	196,671.57	187	BLK 04 LOT 05 SEC 04 PH II	T-667119	20.12	38.50	197,807.80
41	BLK 01 LOT 08 & 10 SEC 07 PH I	T-672911A/913A	20.12	77.00	318,806.25	188	BLK 04 LOT 05 SEC 05 PH I	T-671152	20.12	38.50	187,027.86
42	BLK 01 LOT 08 SEC 02 PH II	T-666582	20.12	38.50	208,753.63	189	BLK 04 LOT 05 SEC 10 PH III	T-732915	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
43	BLK 01 LOT 08 SEC 03 PH II	T-666762	20.12	38.50	206,804.91	190	BLK 04 LOT 07 SEC 02 PH II	T-666866	20.12	38.50	211,681.57
44	BLK 01 LOT 08 SEC 10 PH III	T-732823	20.12	36.00	193,134.86	191	BLK 04 LOT 07 SEC 04 PH II	T-667121	20.12	38.50	197,807.80
45	BLK 01 LOT 09 & 11 SEC 05 PH I	T-671030/34	20.12	77.00	325,276.72	192	BLK 04 LOT 08 & 10 SEC 06 PH I	T-673527A/525A	20.12	70.00	317,771.02
46	BLK 01 LOT 10 SEC 10 PH III	T-732825	20.12	36.00	196,671.57	193	BLK 04 LOT 08 SEC 03 PH II	T-666882	20.12	38.50	211,681.57
47	BLK 01 LOT 10 SEC 2 PH II	T-666854	20.12	38.50	208,181.62	194	BLK 04 LOT 08 SEC 09 PH I	T-673685A	20.12	38.50	211,225.59
48	BLK 01 LOT 102 & 103 SEC 10 PH II	T-674040-A/41-A	20.12	77.00	330,293.18	195	BLK 04 LOT 09 SEC 04 PH II	T-667123	20.12	38.50	206,252.28
49	BLK 01 LOT 104 & 105 SEC 10 PH II	T-674042A/043A	20.12	74.50	317,801.72	196	BLK 04 LOT 09 SEC 10 PH III	T-732919	20.12	38.50	192,534.71
50	BLK 01 LOT 112 SEC 10 PH I	T-674050-A	20.12	38.50	199,986.51	197	BLK 04 LOT 10 SEC 36 PH I	T-616678	20.12	40.00	194,044.22
51	BLK 01 LOT 115 & 116 SEC 10 PH II	T-674054-A	20.12	84.00	307,913.39	198	BLK 04 LOT 11 SEC 08 PH III	T-732773	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
52	BLK 01 LOT 12 SEC 01 PH II	T-665898	20.12	38.50	169,345.26	199	BLK 04 LOT 11 SEC 10 PH III	T-732921	20.12	38.50	196,671.57
53	BLK 01 LOT 12 SEC 09 PH I	T-673628-A	20.12	38.50	213,334.96	200	BLK 04 LOT 12 SEC 03 PH II	T-666886	20.12	38.50	211,681.57
54	BLK 01 LOT 14 SEC 01 PH II	T-665900	20.12	38.50	180,470.20	201	BLK 04 LOT 12 SEC 04 PH II	T-667126	20.12	38.50	200,163.72
55	BLK 01 LOT 16 SEC 02 PH II	T-666570	20.12	38.50	211,681.57	202	BLK 04 LOT 13 SEC 10 PH III	T-732923			

LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID
451 BLK 12 LOT 12 SEC 01 PH II	T-666101	20.12	36.00	206,672.80	621 BLK 36 LOT 51	T-9688	30.00	75.00	392,469.80	761 BLK 01 LOT 11 SEC 11 PH I	T-691295	20.12	35.00	178,165.20					
452 BLK 12 LOT 12 SEC 09 PH II	T-673892-A	20.12	38.50	214,507.80	622 BLK 37 LOT 10	T-22003	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	762 BLK 01 LOT 12 SEC 09 PH I	T-690900	20.12	35.00	190,024.96					
453 BLK 12 LOT 16 SEC 01 PH II	T-666105	20.12	36.00	206,672.80	623 BLK 38 LOT 31	T-22009	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	763 BLK 01 LOT 13 & 15 SEC 08 PH I	T-690449/451	20.12	70.00	296,243.95					
454 BLK 12 LOT 17 SEC 07 PH I	T-673349-A	20.12	38.50	199,986.51	624 BLK 38 LOT 50	T-22118	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	764 BLK 01 LOT 14 SEC 05 PH I	T-690219	20.12	35.00	167,646.61					
455 BLK 12 LOT 18 SEC 01 PH II	T-666107	20.12	36.00	165,338.24	625 BLK 38 LOT 69	T-22137	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	765 BLK 01 LOT 14 SEC 08 PH I	T-690757	20.12	35.00	189,404.78					
456 BLK 12 LOT 21 SEC 07 PH I	T-673353-A	20.12	38.50	192,710.52	626 BLK 39 LOT 27	T-22170	24.50	39.00	265,958.97	766 BLK 01 LOT 15 SEC 04 PH II	T-749461	20.12	35.00	154,701.68					
457 BLK 12 LOT 23 SEC 07 PH I	T-673365-A	20.12	38.50	192,710.52	627 BLK 39 LOT 29	T-22172	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	767 BLK 01 LOT 16 SEC 06 PH I	T-690452	20.12	35.00	160,371.61					
458 BLK 12 LOT 25 SEC 06 PH I	T-672808-A	20.12	38.50	210,304.66	628 BLK 45 LOT 14	T-21649	24.50	39.00	285,527.52	768 BLK 01 LOT 16 SEC 08 PH I	T-750025	20.12	35.00	179,414.04					
459 BLK 12 LOT 25 SEC 07 PH I	T-673357-A	20.12	38.50	213,526.44	629 BLK 45 LOT 30	T-21685	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	769 BLK 01 LOT 16 SEC 10 PH I	T-690993	20.12	35.00	156,735.51					
460 BLK 12 LOT 26 SEC 07 PH I	T-673358	20.12	38.50	214,507.80	630 BLK 45 LOT 31	T-21686	24.50	39.00	266,982.10	770 BLK 01 LOT 18 SEC 05 PH II	T-749751	20.12	35.00	182,455.44					
461 BLK 12 LOT 27 SEC 08 PH I	T-672810-A	20.12	38.50	190,074.61	631 BLK 45 LOT 35	T-21670	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	771 BLK 01 LOT 18 SEC 10 PH I	T-690995	20.12	35.00	179,014.75					
462 BLK 12 LOT 28 SEC 08 PH I	T-673908-A	20.12	41.00	209,200.68	632 BLK 45 LOT 38	T-21673	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	772 BLK 01 LOT 19 & 21 SEC 07 PH I	T-690531/29	20.12	70.00	269,724.56					
463 BLK 12 LOT 30 SEC 08 PH I	T-672813-A	20.12	38.50	190,330.17	633 BLK 45 LOT 42	T-21677	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	773 BLK 01 LOT 19 SEC 13 PH I	T-691817	20.12	35.00	160,390.30					
464 BLK 12 LOT 33 SEC 03 PH I	T-670610	20.12	38.50	212,066.57	634 BLK 45 LOT 48	T-21693	24.50	39.00	269,746.47	774 BLK 01 LOT 20 SEC 05 PH II	T-749753	20.12	35.00	159,748.03					
465 BLK 12 LOT 33 SEC 05 PH I	T-672336-A	20.12	35.00	202,492.27	635 BLK 47 LOT 17	T-22290	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	775 BLK 02 LOT 05 & 07 SEC 13 PH I	T-691829/931	20.12	75.00	269,256.02					
466 BLK 12 LOT 33 SEC 06 PH I	T-672816-A	20.12	38.50	207,829.79	636 BLK 47 LOT 32	T-22305	24.50	39.00	269,746.47	776 BLK 02 LOT 09 SEC 07 PH I	T-690544	20.12	35.00	185,172.07					
467 BLK 12 LOT 34 SEC 07 PH I	T-673366-A	20.12	38.50	199,986.51	637 BLK 47 LOT 34	T-22307	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	777 BLK 02 LOT 12 SEC 07 PH I	T-690544	20.12	35.00	187,482.68					
468 BLK 13 LOT 05 SEC 01 PH II	T-666117	20.12	36.00	192,151.51	638 BLK 47 LOT 36	T-22309	24.50	39.00	265,317.87	778 BLK 02 LOT 13 SEC 11 PH I	T-691321	20.12	35.00	178,165.20					
469 BLK 13 LOT 08 & 10 SEC 07 PH I	T-673382A/380A	20.12	76.00	286,004.39	639 BLK 47 LOT 37	T-22310	24.50	39.00	266,793.94	779 BLK 02 LOT 13 SEC 13 PH I	T-691837	20.12	35.00	161,368.98					
470 BLK 13 LOT 08 SEC 01 PH II	T-666120	20.12	36.00	157,800.29	640 BLK 48 LOT 23 & 24	T-22342/343	24.50	78.00	540,404.75	780 BLK 02 LOT 15 SEC 09 PH I	T-690927	20.12	35.00	188,147.45					
471 BLK 13 LOT 12 SEC 07 PH I	T-673394-A	20.12	38.50	213,012.80	641 BLK 48 LOT 27	T-22346	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	781 BLK 02 LOT 15 SEC 13 PH I	T-691839	20.12	35.00	180,280.58					
472 BLK 13 LOT 12 SEC 09 PH I	T-673920-A	20.12	38.50	214,507.80	642 BLK 48 LOT 33	T-22352	24.50	39.00	261,466.86	782 BLK 02 LOT 21 SEC 1A PH I	T-688943	20.12	35.00	185,172.07					
473 BLK 13 LOT 12 SEC 07 PH I	T-673385-A	20.12	38.50	214,507.80	643 BLK 48 LOT 48	T-22365	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	783 BLK 02 LOT 22 SEC 05 PH II	T-749778	20.12	35.00	179,702.89					
474 BLK 13 LOT 14 SEC 01 PH II	T-666126	20.12	36.00	165,338.24	644 BLK 48 LOT 52	T-22371	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	784 BLK 02 LOT 24 SEC 01 PH I	T-688227	20.12	35.00	175,906.93					
475 BLK 13 LOT 14 SEC 09 PH I	T-673922	20.12	38.50	212,711.42	645 BLK 48 LOT 55	T-22374	24.50	39.00	264,506.22	785 BLK 02 LOT 24 SEC 1A PH I	T-688946	20.12	35.00	185,807.26					
476 BLK 13 LOT 15 SEC 01 PH II	T-666127	20.12	36.00	157,859.32	646 BLK 49 LOT 06	T-21694	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	786 BLK 02 LOT 28 SEC 05 PH II	T-749784	20.12	35.00	190,305.31					
477 BLK 13 LOT 15 SEC 03 PH I	T-670632	20.12	38.50	190,650.50	647 BLK 49 LOT 14	T-21702	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	787 BLK 02 LOT 30 SEC 05 PH II	T-749786	20.12	35.00	190,305.31					
478 BLK 13 LOT 15 SEC 07 PH I	T-673787A	20.12	38.50	192,710.52	648 BLK 49 LOT 21	T-21709	24.50	39.00	268,667.62	788 BLK 02 LOT 31 SEC 03 PH I	T-689689	20.12	35.00	195,546.82					
479 BLK 13 LOT 17 SEC 01 PH II	T-666129	20.12	36.00	165,338.24	649 BLK 49 LOT 31	T-21719	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	789 BLK 02 LOT 32 SEC 04 PH II	T-749530	20.12	35.00	184,621.80					
480 BLK 13 LOT 17 SEC 03 PH I	T-670634	20.12	38.50	212,066.57	650 BLK 49 LOT 37	T-21725	24.50	39.00	248,024.95	790 BLK 02 LOT 32 SEC 03 PH I	T-689571	20.12	35.00	172,123.01					
481 BLK 13 LOT 17 SEC 07 PH I	T-673369-A	20.12	38.50	213,493.99	651 BLK 49 LOT 38	T-21726	24.50	62.00	345,498.21	791 BLK 03 LOT 03 & 04 SEC 04 PH I	T-689957/58	20.12	75.00	287,273.39					
482 BLK 13 LOT 19 SEC 03 PH I	T-670636	20.12	38.50	175,520.23	652 BLK 49 LOT 46	T-21734	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	792 BLK 03 LOT 04 SEC 06 PH II	T-750096	20.12	35.00	180,280.58					
483 BLK 13 LOT 19 SEC 07 PH I	T-673391-A	20.12	38.50	175,363.37	653 BLK 50 LOT 10	T-21771	24.50	39.00	266,938.68	793 BLK 03 LOT 05 SEC 13 PH I	T-691852	20.12	35.00	177,893.34					
484 BLK 13 LOT 20 SEC 06 PH I	T-672843-A	20.12	35.00	181,441.41	654 BLK 50 LOT 11	T-21772	24.50	39.00	266,924.20	794 BLK 03 LOT 06 & 08 SEC 07 PH I	T-690562	20.12	70.00	264,373.35					
485 BLK 13 LOT 21 SEC 07 PH I	T-673393-A	20.12	38.50	199,986.51	655 BLK 50 LOT 18	T-21779	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	795 BLK 03 LOT 06 & 09 SEC 09 PH I	T-690943/945	20.12	70.00	289,857.08					
486 BLK 13 LOT 22 SEC 01 PH II	T-666134	20.12	36.00	192,151.51	656 BLK 50 LOT 28	T-21789	24.50	39.00	270,701.70	796 BLK 03 LOT 06 SEC 02 PH I	T-689028	20.12	35.00	185,172.07					
487 BLK 13 LOT 23 SEC 01 PH II	T-666135	20.12	36.00	165,338.24	657 BLK 50 LOT 36	T-21797	24.50	39.00	249,556.40	797 BLK 03 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 10 PH I	T-688238/240	20.12	70.00	297,190.32					
488 BLK 13 LOT 23 SEC 03 PH I	T-670640	20.12	38.50	208,615.09	658 BLK 50 LOT 56	T-21817	24.50	39.00	269,746.47	798 BLK 03 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 10 PH I	T-691029/027	20.12	70.00	250,339.50					
489 BLK 13 LOT 23 SEC 06 PH I	T-672846-A	20.12	38.50	209,633.09	659 BLK 50 LOT 82	T-21833	24.50	39.00	245,677.58	799 BLK 03 LOT 07 SEC 05 PH II	T-749799	20.12	35.00	156,884.04					
490 BLK 13 LOT 23 SEC 07 PH I	T-673395	20.12	38.50	194,670.41	660 BLK 50 LOT 71	T-21842	24.50	39.00	258,787.12	800 BLK 03 LOT 10 SEC 02 PH I	T-689032	20.12	35.00	189,774.89					
491 BLK 13 LOT 23 SEC 09 PH I	T-673391-A	20.12	38.50	210,919.72	CARISSA HOMES TANZA					801 BLK 03 LOT 10 SEC 08 PH I	T-690811	20.12	35.00	154,701.68					
492 BLK 13 LOT 25 SEC 01 PH II	T-666137	20.12	36.00	206,672.80	Bo. Bagtas Tanza Cavite					802 BLK 03 LOT 10 SEC 09 PH I	T-690947	20.12	35.00	212,993.22					
493 BLK 13 LOT 25 SEC 07 PH I	T-673397A	20.12	38.50	194,670.41	661 BLK 03 LOT 10 PH3A	T-884349	20.62	35.00	141,082.88	803 BLK 03 LOT 11 SEC 04 PH I	T-689985	20.12	35.00	187,161.96					
494 BLK 13 LOT 26 SEC 01 PH II	T-666138	20.12	36.00	192,151.51	662 BLK 05 LOT 09 PH3A	T-887183	20.62	35.00	140,253.68	804 BLK 03 LOT 11 SEC 08 PH I	T-690812	20.12	35.00	177,893.34					
495 BLK 13 LOT 27 SEC 01 PH II	T-666139	20.12	36.00	174,886.44	663 BLK 147 LOT 26 PH7	T-911933	18.00	33.00	147,446.92	805 BLK 03 LOT 13 SEC 07 PH I	T-690567	20.12	35.00	197,406.36					
496 BLK 13 LOT 27 SEC 03 PH I	T-670644	20.12	38.50	188,078.96	664 BLK 15 LOT 05 PH2	T-980410	20.62	35.00	172,035.00	806 BLK 03 LOT 14 SEC 04 PH I	T-689968	20.12	35.00	177,893.34					
497 BLK 13 LOT 28 SEC 01 PH II	T-666140	20.12	36.00	168,678.37	665 BLK 17 LOT 22 PH4	T-694694	20.62	61.00	196,828.90	807 BLK 03 LOT 14 SEC 11 PH I	T-691344	20.12	35.00	155,512.16					
498 BLK 13 LOT 31 SEC 01 PH II	T-666143	20.12	36.00	192,151.51	666 BLK 18 LOT 20 PH4	T-883657	20.62	61.00	221,432.52	808 BLK 03 LOT 15 SEC 08 PH I	T-690816	20.12	35.00	179,014.75					
499 BLK 13 LOT 35 SEC 07 PH I	T-673407A	20.12	38.50	192,415.32	667 BLK 20 LOT 19 PH3B	T-884354	20.62	35.00	141,082.88	809 BLK 03 LOT 15 SEC 10 PH I	T-691035	20.12	35.00	177,893.34					
500 BLK 13 LOT 37 & 39 SEC 03 PH I	T-670554/556	20.12	77.00	336,183.01	668 BLK 25 LOT 11 PH5	T-742182	20.00	54.00	249,086.42	810 BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 01A PH I	T-688967	20.12	35.00	170,420.72					
501 BLK 14 LOT 02/04/06 SEC 01 PH I	T-666147/149	20.12	79.00	543,766.40	669 BLK 28 LOT 22 PH5	T-726315	20.62	35.00	158,098.24	811 BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 06 PH I	T-750108	20.12	35.00	177,893.34					
502 BLK 14 LOT 03 SEC 07 PH I	T-673415A	20.12	38.50	190,340.00	670 BLK 40 LOT 11 PH6	T-726782	18.00	33.00	153,550.97	812 BLK 03 LOT 16 SEC 11 PH I	T-691346	20.12	35.00	158,643.62					
503 BLK 14 LOT 05 & 06 SEC 03 PH I	T-670663/662	20.12	82.50	351,562.68	671 BLK 42 LOT 28 PH6	T-1035481	18.00	33.00	162,393.27	813 BLK 03 LOT 17 SEC 07 PH I	T-690571	20.12	35.00	187,482.68					
504 BLK 14 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 07 PH I	T-673418-A/421A	20.12	77.00	321,838.25	672 BLK 42 LOT 10 PH3B	T-742205	20.62	35.00	157,729.42	814 BLK 03 LOT 18 & 20 SEC 09 PH I	T-690587/955	20.12	71.00	274,673.03					
505 BLK 14 LOT 17 SEC 07 PH I	T-673427	20.12	38.50	212,711.42	673 BLK 47 LOT 06 PH3	T-980407	20.62	35.00	156,833.88	815 BLK 03 LOT 19 SEC 03 PH I	T-689897	20.12	35.00	197,406.36					
506 BLK 14 LOT 17 SEC 03 PH I	T-670674	20.12	38.50	195,022.48	674 BLK 60 LOT 03 PH1A	T-953378	20.62	35.00	159,719.21	816 BLK 03 LOT 20 SEC 01 PH I	T-688251	20.12	35.00	185,172.07					
507 BLK 14 LOT 21 SEC 03 PH I	T-670678	20.12	38.50	190,094.58	675 BLK 72 LOT 06 PH2	T-1036909	20.62	35.00	158,228.82	817 BLK 03 LOT 22 SEC 01A PH I	T-688973	20.12	35.00	159,409.86					
508 BLK 14 LOT 21 SEC 06 PH I	T-672884-A	20.12	38.50	212,066.57	676 BLK 73 LOT 48 PH2	T-913090	18.00	33.00	144,952.49	818 BLK 03 LOT 22 SEC 05 PH II	T-749814	20.12	35.00	1					



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION

Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
 Tel. 897-8425 (Direct) Fax 897-8425
 G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
 Tel. 8114361 Fax 8114370
 ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
 Tel. 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
 SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
 Tel. 6350219 Fax 6350220
 G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
 Tel. 5273342 Fax 5273357
 ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
 Tel. 8424503 Fax 8506465
 e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2004

RATE
 P245 per column centimeter
 (All prices exclusive of P.VAT)

DEADLINE
 for reservations / cancellations / corrections
 Monday to Sunday
 12:00 noon
 Day before publication

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

MEDICAL

HOUSE

HOUSE & LOT

HOUSE & LOT

HOUSE & LOT

HOUSE & LOT

HOUSE & LOT

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

RIZAL

RIZAL

RIZAL

CAVITE

CAVITE

CAVITE

RAPID Tx VD-STD
 Ex. SWEAT PIMPLES KELOID
 ALLERGY WARTS SKIN PEEL
 15 Annapolis Greenhills
 Call 7276124 - 25 9am-7pm

VDSTD Skin Clinic Rapid
 Tx Comp Lab Tel. 8175071
 Matrinco 2178 P. Tamo Makati

GARMA CLINIC
VD SPECIALIST
 GONORRHEA, WARTS
 SYPHILIS, HERPES, AIDS
ADULT CIRCUMCISION
VAGINAL REPAIR
SKIN DISEASES
 COMPLETE LABORATORY
 No. 8 Purdue St., Cubao,
 Q. C. back of
 Stella Maris College
 OPEN 8 AM to 6 PM
 MON. to SAT.
 Tel. 4392706 / 9139474

PERSONAL

ARCHITECTS

Plan / Const / Renov 4146546

MASSAGE

Body Massage, Facial, Foot
 Spa 534-4003 • 0919-320871

02-3233269 Best Boys

AKHIN THAI MASSE - BAGUIO

CEBU DAVAO MANILA #8347357

ASK JOHN MALE MASSEURS
 (0921)5364794

H'SOME ATHLETES 8327363

MASSAGE 8545348 WARREN

MR. NICE 09173249921

* Mr BODY PHYSIQUE *
 11A Kamias QC 4350978

THAI Msge Lic. 0921-7569278

REFLEXOLOGY

BODYLAX
 131 Roosevelt Ave 4144488

i-spa Ctland 9 Mkt 8160151

Wizard Massage 4213197

TUTORIAL LESSONS

LIGHT 5301315 / 5268216

HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

A/A MAIDS & YAYA 4386920

ANGEL MAIDS 4213253

HI PAY MAID, YAYA 732-67-50

Good Maid Yaya Boy 7502197

Good Maids Yaya Boy 752089

MAIDS w/ NBI Ref 4392490

NEED MAIDS 0915-5544777

BEST MAIDS 8250754

SAVIOUR MAIDS 4376246

Yaya H/Maid Cook 0957507

LIPAT BAHAY

-731-6833-LIPAT

L-BAHAY 9206704 450520

-CHEAP LBAHAY 9206424-

P1200/TRIP 742-14-57

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOUSE & LOT

MAKATI

Mkt Villages Best Buy!

Investment 09189392979

SHANG GRAND/SENDERA
 Pro Selling 0918-9392979

MANILA

MALATE MANILA
 Bnew Twnhse/4stry/3br/31b/
 1-2g/gold P3.410M up 8103461

MANDALUYONG

Sacrificio Safe - FATIMA
 5322115 0917-8256123

LA MONTAGNA
ESTATES

P8,000/month

Located in Teresa, Rizal,
 this peaceful community
 offers many attractions.

For inquiries, please call
634-9001 to 02.
www.crownasia.com.ph



Unbelievable Quality and Affordability...

Just 10 minutes
 away from the
 Quezon City Elliptical
 Circle via Comm-
 munitiy Ave.,
 and close to SM
 Fairview and
 Robinson's Big
 "R".

YOUR DREAM CONDO,
FOR AS LOW AS P5,303 /Month* thru
 *Based on P561,000 (110sqm) (Avg Value as of Sept. 18, 2004)

CHOOSE FROM NO DOWNPAYMENT
OR LOW AMMORTIZATION PLAN!

For inquiries please call our Lead Marketing Agents

PHINMA

CONDO/TWNHSE

CONDO/TWNHSE

BULACAN

GROTTO AREA 2257 9390299

LAGUNA

BINAN RFO 400T 5201792

CONDO/TWNHSE

LAS PINAS

Thse 62m P1.5M 09178997547

MAKATI

1.1M C5 Nr The Fort

101mo. or 4Yrs No Int. or

10% D.P. LIPAT AGAD 2-4BR

15min Fr Mkt 0917-8313228

1.5M CONDO nr Mkt

Resort Type - 1st Class 2-4BR, No

DP / 10% DP-Move in / 0%

Julio - 0927-4630047

CONDO 1.4M

Near Makati / Rent 2 Own

Rhea 0918-6077899

MAKATI CONDO

1,2,3BR Ready to Move-In

Dan 4108395 / 09198504468

MKT NR AYALA
 Bnew Twnhse/3stry/3br/2
 P3 120M up 8903461 loc 34

RENT TO OWN Condo

1.2M Up 2BR EZ Torris

55-85sqm Emy 0917-7469270

RENT2OWN 9T/Mo.

Condo nr Mkt 0922-808655

RFO GLOBAL CITY 845QM

2 PRK PG.5M 09175213838

Rnt 2 Own 17Kmo 50K-move in

nr DFort - 0918-4131377

MANILA

Bnew Thses nr DLSU-Taft Ave

LA42-40Sm 1-2Car P4 2M UP

562-3531/0917-5272166

Condo@D'Fort Rockwell

Logaspi Salcedo Village

Liz 7260137 7243019

Goldland Cubao 2BR w/TB

prkng Liz 7260137 7243019

INVESTMENT PROP - Nr US1

250 sqm 5 Drs 8M 6341212

LGV 3BR w/TB parking

Liz 7260137 7243019

PARANAQUE

Sikatuna Bnew 09214454810



Now available!
 Priceless Jewels at
 Special Introductory Prices.

CITTA ITALIA

Citta Italia introduces The Crown Jewels Home Series,
 5 charming model homes for you to choose from.
 Well-designed and well-within your reach,
 these model homes are fine examples of
 premium living without the premium price.

For inquiries, please call **522-6270 / 522-6273**

Crown Asia

QUEZON CITY

QUEZON CITY

LOT

QUEZON CITY

GREENMEADOWS FACING

SOUTH 0921-4454810

LOYOLA GRAND VILLAS

choice lots w/ view, Sweden &

Finland St avble 426-5650,

929-1832 / 0919-8212235

OTHER AREAS

TAGAYTAY nr ROTONDA w/

view 569; 517; 489; 374sqm

P7000/sqm T-6337601/03

BULACAN

144m' Hgts Subd. 0919-7104059

FACTORY/WHSE

QC Pasig Sucat Vinzuela

Areas etc. 7260137 7243019

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

HOUSE

QUEZON CITY

Tndng Sora 2sty 3BR3TB big

grge P35T/mo. 2mos. advance &

2 mos. dpct 0917-8997547

CONDO/TWNHSE

MAKATI

MAKATI/MONTHLY/YEARLY

CTLAND 9 Leg. VIII. 2BR/3m 20T

09154012532 T-8114038

MANILA

OCEAN TOWERS BNEW FULL

FURN Mia Bayview nr casino,

Yachtclub, church complete

fac helipad, pool etc 3BR2TB

Mdsqrt & TB P68th all-in

Elvie 09177006786

Leecoi 09213967190

LOT

QUEZON CITY

Thse 3BR P2.6M 09178997547

ALPHA VICTORIA NEW MLA

LA116 FA236 8M 6341212

MUNTINLUPA

AYALA ALABANG

MANGO DRIVE

Vacant Adjacent Golf Course

Direct Buyers Only

Tels: 818-2781 / 751-5472

QUEZON CITY

RIVERSIDE TOWNHOMES

nr Ever Gotesco Pasig Manila

4213785 / 86 / 09178356801

Condo 77 up QC 8156172 8132222 917693392

WANTED
Physical Therapist
 U.S. License Preferred. Interested applicants
 - email resumé to tri@ite.net or
 cesary@nelpci.com. For inquiries, send text
 messages to 1-871-788-4488.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
 RVC Standard Pacific Manpower Inc.,
 with office address at 1237 Ibarra St.,
 Sampaloc Manila, has been moved to
 Room 403, Garcia Bldg., 882 Quirino Hi-
 way, Novaliches, Quezon City.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

CONDO/TWNHSE

SAN JUAN

Ghills FF Stu P11T 929-9835

APARTMENT

MAKATI

2BR U/D STRNG H/O

P8.5K Call 767-7442

MANILA

1BR Nr P. GIL 5634007 • 5891978

QUEZON CITY

22 Magnolia Roxas Brand New

All Tiles Wide Grge 938-0816

BNEW studio PROJ.2

4342604 / 0919-2876641

Comm acceptable business

internet cafe, cmprtr cntr, gen

merchndse / Res apts bldg

studio type accessible 2 all pts

comm area standard size

affordable 9254041 / 4358336

SAN JUAN

A.LUNA ST 2story spacious

P9time good loc'n 6461603

FOR LEASE

OFFICE & COMMERCIAL

SPACE For Rent at Sucat

Contact Linda at Tel#

733-5322 / 733-5316

ROOM & BOARD

Chin Gen Area 711-8679

P2001 Sucat, Pque 8275345

BEDSPACE

Resdn/VFurnish 2PerRm Male

(From page B13)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY	TCT NO	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	MINIMUM BID
934 BLK 07 LOT 19 SEC 03 PH I	T-888809	20.12	35.00	183,856.93
935 BLK 07 LOT 19 SEC 05 PH II	T-749923	20.12	35.00	171,274.78
936 BLK 07 LOT 19 SEC 12 PH I	T-691736	20.12	35.00	168,208.61
937 BLK 07 LOT 19 SEC 13 PH I	T-691933	20.12	35.00	165,629.78
938 BLK 07 LOT 20 SEC 03 PH I	T-888810	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
939 BLK 07 LOT 20 SEC 08 PH II	T-750713	20.12	35.00	164,029.78
940 BLK 07 LOT 21 & 23 SEC 08 PH II	T-750300/302	20.12	70.00	303,619.25
941 BLK 07 LOT 25 SEC 02 PH I	T-688815	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
942 BLK 07 LOT 25 SEC 04 PH II	T-749869	20.12	35.00	182,508.41
943 BLK 07 LOT 26 SEC 04 PH II	T-749870	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
944 BLK 07 LOT 27 & 29 SEC 13 PH I	T-691941/943	20.12	75.00	277,124.03
945 BLK 08 LOT 06 SEC 02 PH I	T-689110	20.12	35.00	170,420.72
946 BLK 08 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 04 PH I	T-690098/098	20.12	75.00	320,915.15
947 BLK 08 LOT 08 SEC 02 PH I	T-689112	20.12	35.00	170,420.72
948 BLK 08 LOT 09 SEC 02 PH I	T-689113	20.12	35.00	165,851.21
949 BLK 08 LOT 09 SEC 05 PH II	T-749941	20.12	35.00	189,897.52
950 BLK 08 LOT 10 & 12 SEC 04 PH I	T-690101/099	20.12	70.00	283,243.34
951 BLK 08 LOT 10 SEC 12 PH I	T-691751	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
952 BLK 08 LOT 11 SEC 04 PH I	T-690100	20.12	35.00	170,964.75
953 BLK 08 LOT 11 SEC 04 PH II	T-691154	20.12	35.00	157,860.23
954 BLK 08 LOT 12 SEC 02 PH I	T-689116	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
955 BLK 08 LOT 12 SEC 10 PH I	T-691155	20.12	35.00	206,908.12
956 BLK 08 LOT 13 SEC 01 PH I	T-748074	20.12	35.00	200,515.15
957 BLK 08 LOT 14 SEC 10 PH I	T-691157	20.12	35.00	206,885.53
958 BLK 08 LOT 14 SEC 12 PH I	T-691755	20.12	35.00	190,279.82
959 BLK 08 LOT 15 SEC 07 PH I	T-890654	20.12	35.00	165,807.26
960 BLK 08 LOT 16 SEC 03 PH I	T-689836	20.12	35.00	165,851.21
961 BLK 08 LOT 16 SEC 07 PH I	T-890655	20.12	35.00	166,854.86
962 BLK 08 LOT 18 SEC 03 PH I	T-689836	20.12	35.00	184,334.36
963 BLK 08 LOT 18 SEC 07 PH I	T-690657	20.12	35.00	164,521.76
964 BLK 08 LOT 20 SEC 03 PH I	T-689840	20.12	35.00	190,410.08
965 BLK 08 LOT 20 SEC 13 PH I	T-691963	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
966 BLK 08 LOT 21 SEC 05 PH I	T-690399	20.12	35.00	169,256.38
967 BLK 08 LOT 22 SEC 05 PH II	T-749954	20.12	35.00	183,101.10
968 BLK 08 LOT 22 SEC 12 PH I	T-691763	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
969 BLK 08 LOT 23 SEC 07 PH I	T-890662	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
970 BLK 08 LOT 25 SEC 07 PH I	T-690664	20.12	35.00	187,464.27
971 BLK 08 LOT 26 SEC 05 PH II	T-749958	20.12	35.00	188,784.61
972 BLK 08 LOT 26 SEC 04 PH II	T-749702	20.12	35.00	179,600.94
973 BLK 09 LOT 03 SEC 03 PH I	T-689863	20.12	35.00	184,334.36
974 BLK 09 LOT 03 SEC 05 PH I	T-690410	20.12	35.00	184,334.36
975 BLK 09 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 02 PH I	T-689126/128	20.12	65.00	343,206.12
976 BLK 09 LOT 07 & 09 SEC 04 PH I	T-690127/25	20.12	75.00	286,455.31
977 BLK 09 LOT 07 SEC 10 PH I	T-691173	20.12	35.00	178,024.32
978 BLK 09 LOT 08 SEC 10 PH I	T-691174	20.12	35.00	161,130.89
979 BLK 09 LOT 09 SEC 04 PH II	T-749712	20.12	35.00	185,326.93
980 BLK 09 LOT 10 SEC 02 PH I	T-689129	20.12	35.00	160,735.47
981 BLK 09 LOT 10 SEC 03 PH I	T-689880	20.12	35.00	162,798.45
982 BLK 09 LOT 11 SEC 02 PH I	T-689130	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
983 BLK 09 LOT 11 SEC 05 PH I	T-690416	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
984 BLK 09 LOT 12 SEC 04 PH I	T-690130	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
985 BLK 09 LOT 12 SEC 05 PH I	T-690422	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
986 BLK 09 LOT 17 SEC 05 PH I	T-690424	20.12	35.00	189,774.89
987 BLK 09 LOT 18 SEC 05 PH II	T-749978	20.12	35.00	154,701.68
988 BLK 09 LOT 18 SEC 07 PH I	T-690684	20.12	35.00	187,462.68
989 BLK 09 LOT 19 SEC 02 PH I	T-689138	20.12	35.00	197,268.28
990 BLK 09 LOT 19 SEC 03 PH I	T-689889	20.12	35.00	187,464.27
991 BLK 09 LOT 20 SEC 07 PH I	T-690688	20.12	35.00	170,797.40
992 BLK 09 LOT 21 SEC 05 PH I	T-690428	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
993 BLK 09 LOT 23 SEC 03 PH I	T-689873	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
994 BLK 09 LOT 23 SEC 04 PH I	T-690141	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
995 BLK 09 LOT 23 SEC 12 PH I	T-691792	20.12	35.00	167,176.54
996 BLK 09 LOT 24 SEC 04 PH I	T-690142	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
997 BLK 09 LOT 25 SEC 03 PH I	T-689875	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
998 BLK 09 LOT 25 SEC 12 PH I	T-691794	20.12	35.00	167,620.01
999 BLK 09 LOT 26 & 28 SEC 12 PH I	T-691797/795	20.12	75.00	311,312.99
1000 BLK 09 LOT 27 & 29 SEC 05 PH I	T-690436/434	20.12	75.00	317,915.90
1001 BLK 09 LOT 28 SEC 07 PH I	T-690694	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1002 BLK 09 LOT 31 SEC 07 PH I	T-690697	20.12	35.00	190,410.08
1003 BLK 09 LOT 32 SEC 05 PH II	T-749992	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
1004 BLK 09 LOT 33 SEC 07 PH I	T-690699	20.12	35.00	190,410.08
1005 BLK 10 LOT 03 SEC 03 PH I	T-689862	20.12	35.00	197,406.65
1006 BLK 10 LOT 06 & 08 SEC 07 PH I	T-690708/707	20.12	70.00	314,446.65
1007 BLK 10 LOT 06 SEC 01 PH I	T-689367	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1008 BLK 10 LOT 10 SEC 02 PH I	T-689152	20.12	35.00	165,561.24
1009 BLK 10 LOT 11 SEC 03 PH I	T-689890	20.12	35.00	177,122.07
1010 BLK 10 LOT 12 SEC 07 PH I	T-690713	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1011 BLK 10 LOT 13 SEC 02 PH I	T-689155	20.12	35.00	189,774.89
1012 BLK 10 LOT 17 SEC 03 PH I	T-689896	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1013 BLK 10 LOT 19 SEC 10 PH I	T-691197	20.12	35.00	178,165.20
1014 BLK 10 LOT 21 & 23 SEC 10 PH I	T-691199/201	20.12	70.00	292,266.08
1015 BLK 10 LOT 24 SEC 07 PH I	T-690725	20.12	35.00	177,122.07
1016 BLK 10 LOT 25 SEC 04 PH I	T-690172	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
1017 BLK 10 LOT 26 SEC 07 PH I	T-690727	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
1018 BLK 11 LOT 01 SEC 01 PH II	T-748154	20.12	35.00	173,218.64
1019 BLK 11 LOT 01 SEC 01 PH I	T-688378	20.12	35.00	178,686.93
1020 BLK 11 LOT 04 SEC 01 PH I	T-688379	20.12	35.00	188,817.26
1021 BLK 11 LOT 04 SEC 10 PH I	T-691206	20.12	40.00	205,355.31
1022 BLK 11 LOT 10 SEC 02 PH I	T-689171	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
1023 BLK 11 LOT 12 SEC 02 PH I	T-689173	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1024 BLK 11 LOT 12 SEC 03 PH I	T-689920	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1025 BLK 11 LOT 15 SEC 02 PH I	T-689176	20.12	35.00	197,185.42
1026 BLK 11 LOT 18 SEC 02 PH I	T-689179	20.12	35.00	170,797.40
1027 BLK 11 LOT 19 SEC 02 PH I	T-689180	20.12	35.00	164,521.76
1028 BLK 11 LOT 22 SEC 03 PH I	T-689930	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
1029 BLK 11 LOT 25 SEC 03 PH I	T-689933	20.12	35.00	184,334.36
1030 BLK 12 LOT 03 SEC 11 PH I	T-691455	20.12	35.00	158,119.43
1031 BLK 12 LOT 06 SEC 10 PH I	T-691224	20.12	35.00	180,280.58
1032 BLK 12 LOT 08 SEC 02 PH I	T-689192	20.12	35.00	189,774.89
1033 BLK 12 LOT 10 SEC 10 PH I	T-691228	20.12	35.00	184,029.78
1034 BLK 12 LOT 11 SEC 11 PH I	T-691163	20.12	35.00	176,024.32
1035 BLK 12 LOT 12 SEC 01 PH I	T-688394	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1036 BLK 12 LOT 12 SEC 02 PH I	T-689196	20.12	35.00	191,662.04
1037 BLK 12 LOT 13 SEC 02 PH I	T-689197	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
1038 BLK 12 LOT 14 SEC 01 PH I	T-688396	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1039 BLK 12 LOT 14 SEC 02 PH I	T-689198	20.12	35.00	180,735.47
1040 BLK 12 LOT 14 SEC 10 PH I	T-691232	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
1041 BLK 12 LOT 15 SEC 01 PH I	T-688397	20.12	35.00	199,220.72
1042 BLK 12 LOT 18 SEC 01 PH I	T-688400	20.12	35.00	170,797.40
1043 BLK 12 LOT 18 SEC 02 PH I	T-689202	20.12	35.00	197,406.65
1044 BLK 12 LOT 18 SEC 10 PH I	T-691236	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
1045 BLK 12 LOT 22 SEC 01 PH I	T-688404	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
1046 BLK 12 LOT 23 SEC 01 PH I	T-688405	20.12	35.00	168,734.41
1047 BLK 12 LOT 24 SEC 01 PH I	T-688406	20.12	35.00	159,409.86
1048 BLK 12 LOT 28 SEC 01 PH I	T-688410	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1049 BLK 13 LOT 03 SEC 11 PH I	T-691470	20.12	35.00	160,409.84
1050 BLK 13 LOT 08 SEC 10 PH I	T-691258	20.12	35.00	165,395.03
1051 BLK 13 LOT 10 SEC 10 PH I	T-691260	20.12	35.00	165,746.74
1052 BLK 13 LOT 13 SEC 11 PH I	T-691480	20.12	35.00	161,113.28
1053 BLK 13 LOT 14 SEC 10 PH I	T-691264	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
1054 BLK 13 LOT 16 SEC 02 PH I	T-689223	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1055 BLK 13 LOT 16 SEC 10 PH I	T-691266	20.12	35.00	177,893.34
1056 BLK 13 LOT 19 SEC 02 PH I	T-689226	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1057 BLK 13 LOT 21 & 23 SEC 02 PH I	T-689228/230	20.12	70.00	367,913.65
1058 BLK 13 LOT 21 SEC 01 PH I	T-688436	20.12	35.00	169,239.81
1059 BLK 13 LOT 25 SEC 01 PH I	T-688440	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
1060 BLK 13 LOT 27 SEC 10 PH I	T-691277	20.12	35.00	153,080.74
1061 BLK 13 LOT 28 SEC 01 PH I	T-688443	20.12	35.00	187,462.68
1062 BLK 13 LOT 28 SEC 10 PH I	T-691278	20.12	35.00	178,751.39
1063 BLK 14 LOT 03 SEC 11 PH I	T-691487	20.12	35.00	180,841.29
1064 BLK 14 LOT 08 SEC 08 PH II	T-750891	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
1065 BLK 14 LOT 10 SEC 02 PH I	T-689240	20.12	35.00	170,420.72
1066 BLK 14 LOT 13 SEC 11 PH I	T-691497	20.12	35.00	164,029.78
1067 BLK 14 LOT 14 SEC 02 PH I	T-689244	20.12	35.00	189,369.84
1068 BLK 14 LOT 16 SEC 01 PH I	T-688464	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1069 BLK 14 LOT 19 SEC 08 PH II	T-750902	20.12	35.00	163,032.42
1070 BLK 14 LOT 20 SEC 01 PH I	T-688458	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1071 BLK 14 LOT 22 SEC 01 PH I	T-688470	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
1072 BLK 14 LOT 24 SEC 01 PH I	T-688472	20.12	35.00	165,561.24
1073 BLK 14 LOT 25 SEC 01 PH I	T-688473	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
1074 BLK 14 LOT 26 SEC 01 PH I	T-688474	20.12	35.00	170,221.88
1075 BLK 14 LOT 28 SEC 01 PH I	T-688476	20.12	35.00	147,515.62
1076 BLK 14 LOT 29 SEC 01 PH I	T-688477	20.12	35.00	185,807.26
1077 BLK 15 LOT 03 SEC 01 PH I	T-688484	20.12	35.00	165,499.39
1078 BLK 15 LOT 11 SEC 01 PH I	T-688492	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1079 BLK 15 LOT 17 SEC 01 PH I	T-688498	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
1080 BLK 15 LOT 18 SEC 11 PH I	T-691522	20.12	35.00	105,350.00
1081 BLK 15 LOT 19 SEC 01 PH I	T-688500	20.12	35.00	162,442.20
1082 BLK 15 LOT 21 SEC 01 PH I	T-688502	20.12	35.00	183,956.93
1083 BLK 15 LOT 22 SEC 01 PH I	T-689503	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1084 BLK 15 LOT 23 SEC 02 PH I	T-689506	20.12	35.00	190,305.31
1085 BLK 15 LOT 26 SEC 01 PH I	T-688507	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1086 BLK 15 LOT 27 SEC 01 PH I	T-688508	20.12	35.00	185,172.07
1087 BLK 15 LOT 28 SEC 01 PH I	T-688509	20.12	35.00	166,654.86
1088 BLK 16 LOT 04 SEC 01 PH I	T-748268	20.12	35.00	181,113.28
1089 BLK 16 LOT 05 SEC 06 PH II	T-750944	20.12	35.00	184,081.09
1090 BLK 16 LOT 07 SEC 08 PH II	T-750946	20.12	35.00	190,254.34
1091 BLK 16 LOT 10 SEC 08 PH II	T-750948	20.12	35.00	183,848.71
1092 BLK 16 LOT 11 SEC 02 PH I	T-689297	20.12	35.00	182,255.32
1093 BLK 16 LOT 22 SEC 01 PH I	T-688536	20.12	35.00	190,410.08
1094 BLK 16 LOT 23 SEC 01 PH I	T-688537	20.12	35.00	175,906.93
1095 BLK 16 LOT 27 SEC 01 PH I	T-688541	20.12	35.00	165,561.24
1096 BLK 17 LOT 16 SEC 11 PH I	T-691548	20.12	35.00	188,124.64
1097 BLK 17 LOT				



MALAYSIAN investors talk as they monitor share prices at a trading gallery in Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia's benchmark share index hit a 4-1/2-year high on Thursday, helped by a rally on Wall Street and a sharp drop in oil prices.

REUTERS

GM, Ford cut production

DETROIT—General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. said on Wednesday they will cut production more than expected after weaker US sales in November, which analysts said could hurt profits.

Even as they rolled out more lucrative incentives this year, GM and Ford struggled with growing inventories of unsold vehicles as sales of their aging car lineups slipped and consumer tastes shifted from their stable of large sport utility vehicles.

The Chrysler side of Daimler-Chrysler and many of the larger foreign automakers such as Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. and Honda Motor Co. Ltd. reported stronger November sales.

"I think it will produce lower year-to-year earnings in the first quarter," said Burnham Securities analyst David Healy, referring to the GM and Ford production cuts.

"For every unit they cut out of their production schedule, there goes \$4,000 to \$4,500 out of pretax earnings—and that's going to be hard to make up elsewhere."

Wall Street closely watches vehicle production because automakers count earnings from cars and trucks when they are manufactured and shipped to dealers, rather than when they are sold off dealer lots.

GM, the world's largest automaker, said it expects to manufacture 95,000 fewer vehicles in North America in the first quarter next year, down about 7.1 percent from the first quarter this year.

Analysts had generally expected GM to cut production by around 6 percent.

GM's US sales, excluding its Saab brand and some medium- and heavy-duty trucks, fell 13 percent in November to 297,355 cars and trucks.

Consumers may have postponed purchases until December, when GM and other automakers traditionally launch year-end incentives, analysts said.

All sales results are adjusted for an extra selling day in November last year.

Ford, the second-largest US automaker, said it expects vehicle production in North America during the first quarter next year to fall by 78,000 cars and trucks, or nearly 8 percent.

Analysts had expected Ford to cut production about 5 or 6 percent.

"The slightly softer-than-expected production (cut) will weigh on the stock in the near-term, but we think the market will be reassured by what looks like healthy new model momentum at Ford's passenger car business," JP Morgan analyst Himanshu Patel said in a research note, referring to Ford's recent car launches. *Reuters*

WIN A FREE FORD LYNX OR ESCAPE

How would you like to win a free Ford Lynx or Escape?

Ford Group Philippines is celebrating the holidays with you by offering a special promo on both the Ford Lynx and Escape. Every Lynx or Escape that you purchase between December 1 to December 31 entitles you to a certain number of raffle coupons. These coupons could make you a winner of the car you bought-making your initial purchases free!

Buying a Ford Lynx GSI entitles you to three (3) raffle coupons, the Lynx Ghia-five (5) coupons and the Lynx RS gives you (8) coupons. There's More! Purchasing the Ford Escape 2.3L is equivalent to (10) coupons and the Escape 3.0L corresponds to (15) coupons.

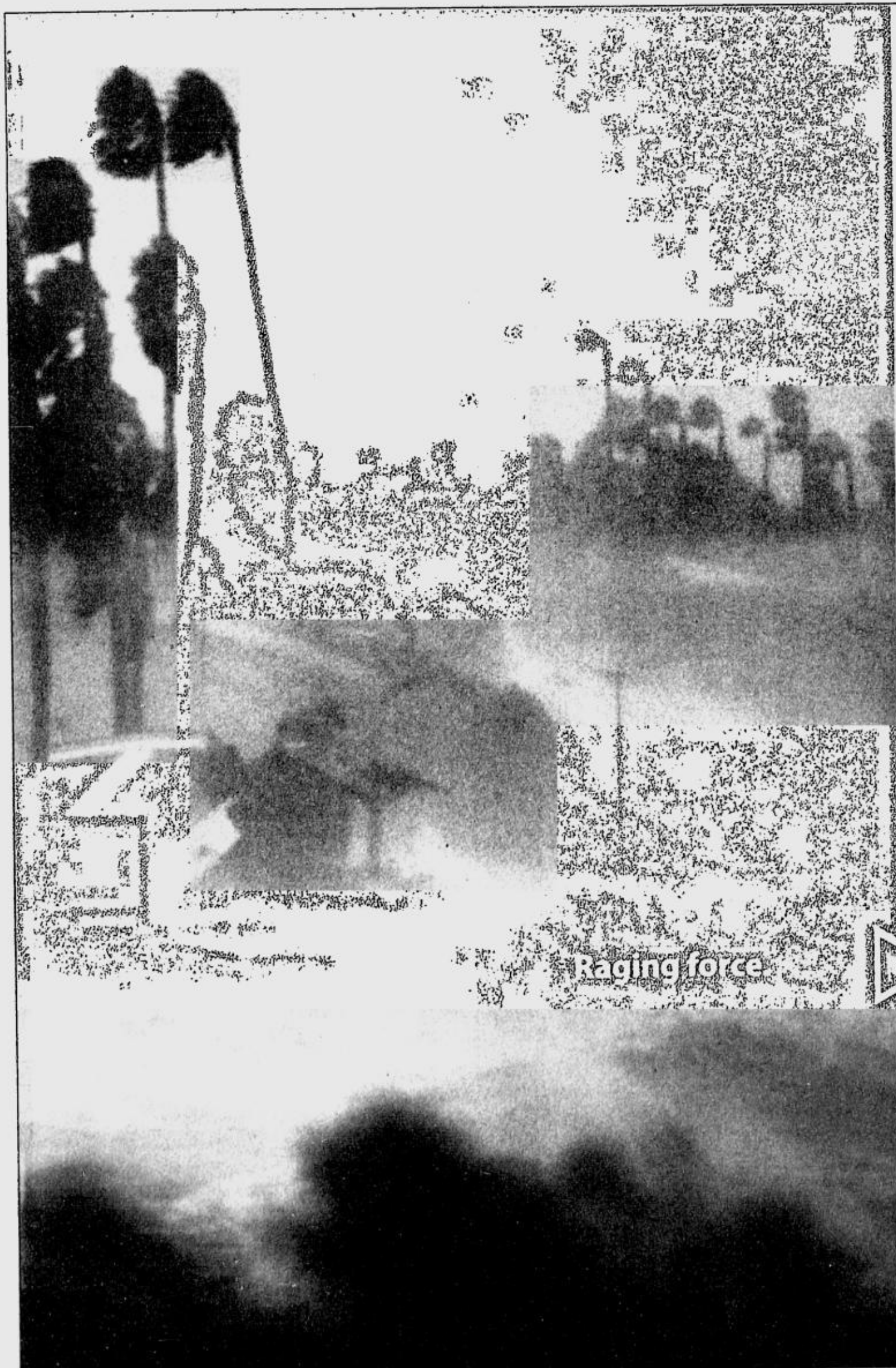
"Plus, you can also finance purchases on an Escape and Lynx! On Escape 2.3L and a Lynx Ghia you have a 0% interest 50% downpayment, 1-year term and a

low DP plan on the Lynx Gsi."

These great Ford deals are available at any of the Ford dealerships: Ford Alabang, Ford Balintawak, Ford Commonwealth, Ford EDSA, Ford Libis, Ford Makati, Ford Manila, Ford Quezon Avenue, Ford Shaw Blvd., Ford Bacolod, Ford Cabanatuan, Ford Cagayan de Oro, Ford Cavite, Ford Cebu, Ford Dagupan, Ford Davao, Ford Iloilo, Ford Pampanga, Ford San Pablo.



DTI-NCR PERMIT NO. 5958 SERIES OF 2004 ADVT



Raging force



Too much can blow you away. That's why we take electricity generated by the power plant and bring down the voltage to an amount that's useful to you.

It's something we do well, so breathe easy.

The power to change power.



People, Events & Products

E-mail: pr_pap@inquirer.com.ph
aespinosa@inquirer.com.ph

Editor Arles Espinosa

Sunnex is traveling chef's constant companion

WHENEVER cooking expert Dorothy Ferreria brings culinary teaching outside the classroom, her favorite brand Sunnex is there to lend a hand. Both Dorothy and Sunnex are innovators in a very competitive, creative industry, and the two likewise share a commitment to make the culinary arts more accessible to a wider audience. Among many pioneering efforts, Sunnex is first to distribute the copper sandwich bottom cookware, a technology that ensures even and rapid heat distribution, in the mass-market level. Dorothy, on the other hand, has embarked on a new culinary challenge by bringing culinary instruction outside the Manila-based classroom, closer to where people are.

Dorothy started as a guest demonstrator for the Maya Kitchens and in April 1990, opened her very own "Dorothy's Cooking School". The

school in Manila became so successful that cooking enthusiasts in the provinces wanted so much to participate but could not as they were often faced with accessibility and funding problems. Dorothy recognized that there was a niche to fill -- the need to conduct affordable culinary classes in various areas nationwide. She then established the Traveling Cooking School in the Philippines, a cooking school on tour that offers culinary classes at very affordable rates. The traveling chef prefers Sunnex over other brands because "it is thick-gauged, which means that food will be cooked properly whereas a thin cookware can cause ingredients to cook at a faster rate, at the risk of browning too fast." Dorothy uses Sunnex in her cooking school tours because she believes in the product. "I use it in my classes for

students to see, and experience the difference Sunnex makes in cooking."

The traveling school is busy with scheduled demonstrations in key cities in Luzon and Visayas, and has been partnering with local organizations and companies to get to as many cooking aficionados as possible. When creating divine dishes in her own kitchen, in her classroom or during a traveling cooking class, Dorothy Ferreria relies on Sunnex, her constant culinary companion. Economical, durable and convenient to use, Sunnex products passed strict global sanitation standards and has been certified by the one of the world's most respected certification providers, the National Sanitation Foundation International. Sunnex is available in leading department stores nationwide.



ePLDT, ARELLANO UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE

ePLDT, the information and communication technology arm of the PLDT Group, through its Parlane and Vocativ Call Centers, recently forged an alliance with Arellano University on the implementation of a customer service representative training program for Arellano University's selected fourth year college students. This course focuses on call center fundamentals to equip students with the skills for prospective employment in ePLDT's call centers as CSRs. At the contract signing are (seated from left): Rosalie R. Montenegro, PLDT senior vice president

for call center business group and concurrent president of Parlane and Vocativ Call Centers; Dr. Hilarisco P. V. Cayco, Arellano University chair of the board and CEO; Estelita G. Gonzalez, PLDT senior manager for call center business group; Dr. Tere N. Rivera, Arellano University dean of Institute of Arts; Marigrace M. Lapitan, PLDT AVP and controller for recruitment, placement and testing; Mildred A. Atendido, Arellano University VP for Academics and Mario F. Sales, Arellano University dean for Institute of Business Administration



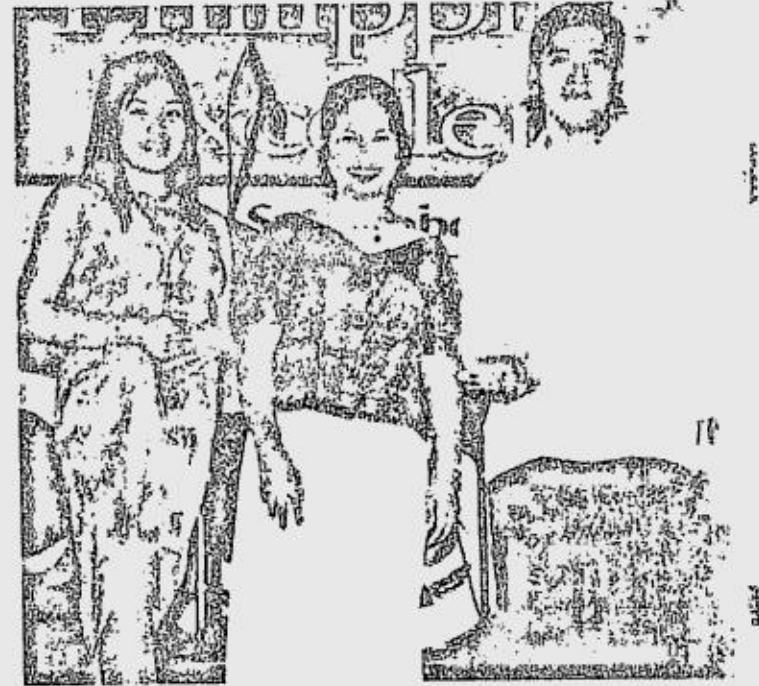
CUP CITES PHILIPS FOR TOP HOME VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

Philips Consumer Electronics, Europe's no. 1 consumer electronics company, recently received the award for 'Outstanding Home Video Entertainment System' from the Consumers Union of the Philippines (CUP) at the 15th Annual National Consumers Awards (Anca). CUP is a non-profit organization that aims to help and protect consumers from all forms of unfair trade practices and has initiated An-

ca to honor private and public firms that have served well through quality consumer services and excellent product lines in the country. Photo shows (from left) CUP president lawyer Quirino Marquinez; Philips audio-video product manager Ria Nuñez; CUP secretary general Lily Nicholas; Bishop Sonia Lim; Philips connected displays product manager Mark Sta. Maria during the awarding ceremony.

Dream Satellite TV joins pilot DepEd project

DREAM Satellite TV, the country's first and only satellite TV broadcasting company recently joined the Department of Education and other socially conscious private corporations in the Text2Teach project. Text2Teach is part of a global program called Bridget, which provides teachers, youth workers and other youth-serving professionals with wireless technological tools to supplement traditional teaching practices. The program integrates mobile phone communications with digital satellite broadcasting and digital recording technology to transmit video materials directly to classrooms for the use of teachers in teaching science. First, the teacher orders the video materials through SMS or text messaging on a mobile phone. The materials are then directly transmitted via satellite to the pilot schools. And finally, the video materials are digitally recorded for the use of science teachers in their classes. The program was made to specifically focus on science subject teachers and students in the grade 5 and 6 levels. So far, 12 pilot schools have been initially targeted. Through the program, the proponents are aiming to enhance the basic education learning in science; to train science teachers, school heads and school division supervisors; develop a blue print model to deliver digital content to science classes in the Philippines; test the viability and tenacity of the model and collate data that would guide and sustain the use and delivery of digital educational content.



NUMBER ONE PIZZA CHAIN

Shakey's receives the Philippine Business Excellence Award for being the No. 1 pizza chain from the Awards and Recognition Association of the Philippines as it salutes outstanding companies who have significant contributions to the empowerment of Filipino consumers. This award is based on consumer assessment through research on company reputation, brand recognition,

product quality, and consumer services. Shown receiving the award is operations manager Arnel Illana (holding award). Shakey's continues to give you great food, great service, great value, great service because Nothing Shakes Like Shakey's. For those who would rather stay in than eat out, a Shakey's meal is just a phone call away, just dial 533-8000.

Imation's new 16x DVD+r media

IMATION Corp, a worldwide leader in removable data storage media, announced the addition of 4.7GB 16x DVD+R discs to its broad portfolio of optical media products. With Imation's new 16x DVD+R media, consumers and business users can record a disc to full capacity in about 5 minutes - nearly half the time required to fill a current 8X DVD+R disc. Paired with new high-speed 16x DVD drives on the market today, users will save time recording videos, photos, data and other digital information at the fastest recording speeds available. Users can store large-capacity video and computer files with Imation's new 16x DVD+R media-transferring up to two hours of VHS movies, saving thousands of digital photos, or backing up gigabytes of data, in about five minutes with a 16x DVD burner. The new media can be played back in any DVD player or DVD drive.

"Demand is being fueled by escalating adoption of DVD video applications and strong growth in DVR/DVD set-top boxes. Users want high-quality discs with the fastest burning capabilities possible," said Nancy Tan, Managing Director of Imation South Asia Region. Imation's new 16x DVD+R discs makes it easy for consumers to permanently capture all their digital information - whether video, photo, music or data file - with speed and quality that is unsurpassed in the industry today," Tan stressed. Imation 16x DVD+R discs will be available in jewel case and spindle packs. For more information on Imation's complete line of DVD media, go to: www.imation-southasia.com.

Chowking's Christmas album

CHOWKING has a special present for its customers this Christmas. The fast food chain announced that it is giving away a Christmas compact disc to lucky customers. The album, titled "Chowking Acoustic Christmas Carols", is a collection of all Christmas songs and carols all specially performed and recorded in the popular acoustic arrangement for Chowking. To avail themselves of a free copy, customers can present his Chowking receipt to the counter and he will immediately be given a chance to draw the winning stub containing the message "Congratulations, you've won a Chowking Acoustic Christmas Carols CD."

Aside from the CD, a Christmas songbook with a 2005 calendar will also be given away. No minimum amount is required. The promo runs until today, Dec. 3, only.

'Delightful December'

"PACO Park Presents" opens its "Delightful December" with baritone Jesus Emmanuel Baang and pianist Adrian Semaclo today, Dec. 3, starting at 6 p.m. at historic Paco Park in San Marcelino, Manila. Thea Perez hosts this regular project of the National Parks Development Committee under the helm of executive director Carlito S. Fajardo. "Paco Park Presents" is regularly aired on Channel 4 every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Morris

Paredes directs for TV from a script by Gic V. Arnold. Admission to "Paco Park Presents" is free of charge.

Gift ideas from EK

ENCHANTED Kingdom, the country's only world-class theme park, offers unique and enjoyable corporate Christmas gifts to business partners and employees. The Enchanted Kingdom Gift Bundle includes an EK Day Pass, P150 worth of Wizard Money, and P200 worth of EK cash coupons. This innovative packages makes sure that all bases are covered-from ticket to food to discounts, and possibly even the purchase of some magical EK merchandise. The Gift Bundle is an P850 value, specially priced at only P600, with further discounts on bulk purchases of EK Gift Bundles for corporate clients. Aside from the Gift Bundle, EK also offers a variety of other admission schemes such as the Wizard Treat and Carousel Special. For inquiries on ticket purchases and park schedules, call 843-6070 to 78, 830-2111 to 16 or log on to www.enchantedkingdom.com.ph for details.

dom.com.ph for details.

Clips

Padre Pio's healing services

EVERYONE is invited to experience the healing love of Christ during the Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Services on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the multi-purpose hall of the Publishing Compound, Simon Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City. The Eucharistic Celebration Healing Services will be presided by Fr. John Iacono, a very anointed healing priest. During the healing services, the actual gloves of the modern day saint, Padre Pio, will be exposed. Padre Pio is known for his miraculous healings performed during his lifetime. The event is organized and sponsored by the Servants of the Good Shepherd, a member of the Federation of Transparochial Catholic Charismatic Communities.

Dumex signs Donita as website host

DUMEX, a leading milk company across Asia and headquartered in Singapore, has brought popular TV personality Donita Rose to live as a virtual host on the company's www.youngnutrition.net website (www.youngnutrition.net). Youngnutrition.net has been providing Asian parents with free expert advice and information on growing healthy and bright babies since 2001.

Dumex chose Donita as the virtual host for the website because as a new first time mother, she reflects the joy and zeal of motherhood. In addition, Donita is also well known to a new generation of young mothers across Southeast Asia because of her stint as a popular VJ on MTV Asia. In her home country, the Philippines,

Donita is also a popular choice endorser of reputable consumer branded items because of her wholesome image and vibrant personality. Dumex is happy to be closely associated with Donita during this special period in her life as a new mother of a baby boy. As a virtual host, Donita will be viewed and heard in various snippets throughout the website introducing and explaining the content highlights, contests and expert services on nutrition. She can also be seen recommending brand new Baby Developing checklist, which is simple to use yet provide informative information function that allows the mothers to track and monitor their babies' development during their first 12 months.



VENTURE 7 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Recently, Venture 7 had an early Christmas bazaar in October at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Intercontinental in Makati. Luli M. Arroyo, eldest daughter of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Baby Arenas, civic leader and philanthropist, were the guests of honor. Upon cutting the ceremonial ribbon at 8:30 a.m., many shoppers came in to do their early Christmas shopping, with an array of unique export and imported items and food. These seven ladies, Celine Bautista (president), Fanny Blanco (chair), Linda Vil-

ladelgado, Lita Gelano, Consul Fortune Ledesma, Pille Aquino and Chit Go-hu, the persons behind the past successful Christmas Bazaar projects, are truly dynamic women. They are encouraged by their successes to plan continuously one after another projects to help charities of their choice, such as the Mahaveer Foundation Inc and the Makabata Foundation. See them again on Dec. 5 at the same time and venue. For more details, call 843-9507, 372-3083, 372-3084 or 810-3307.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Eastwood City The Star of the Season

Paskonsiyerto
AT CENTRAL PLAZA



Dec. 11 (Sat.), 8 PM Paskopella

Help yourself to a feast of
yuletide carols from the
maestros of a capella:

The Company
TUX

Dec. 4 (Sat.), 8 PM Paskuhang Pilipino

Relive the country's
Christmas pastoral traditions in a
theater-style performance featuring:

Nolyn Cabahug
Ayen Munji
Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group
Philippine Symphonic Band

Dec. 18 (Sat.), 8 PM Pop Pasko

A sparkling evening of popular
holiday tunes from:

Ogie Alcasid
Regine Velasquez
Luke Mejares
Kyla

Dec. 25 (Sat.), 8 PM Paskoral

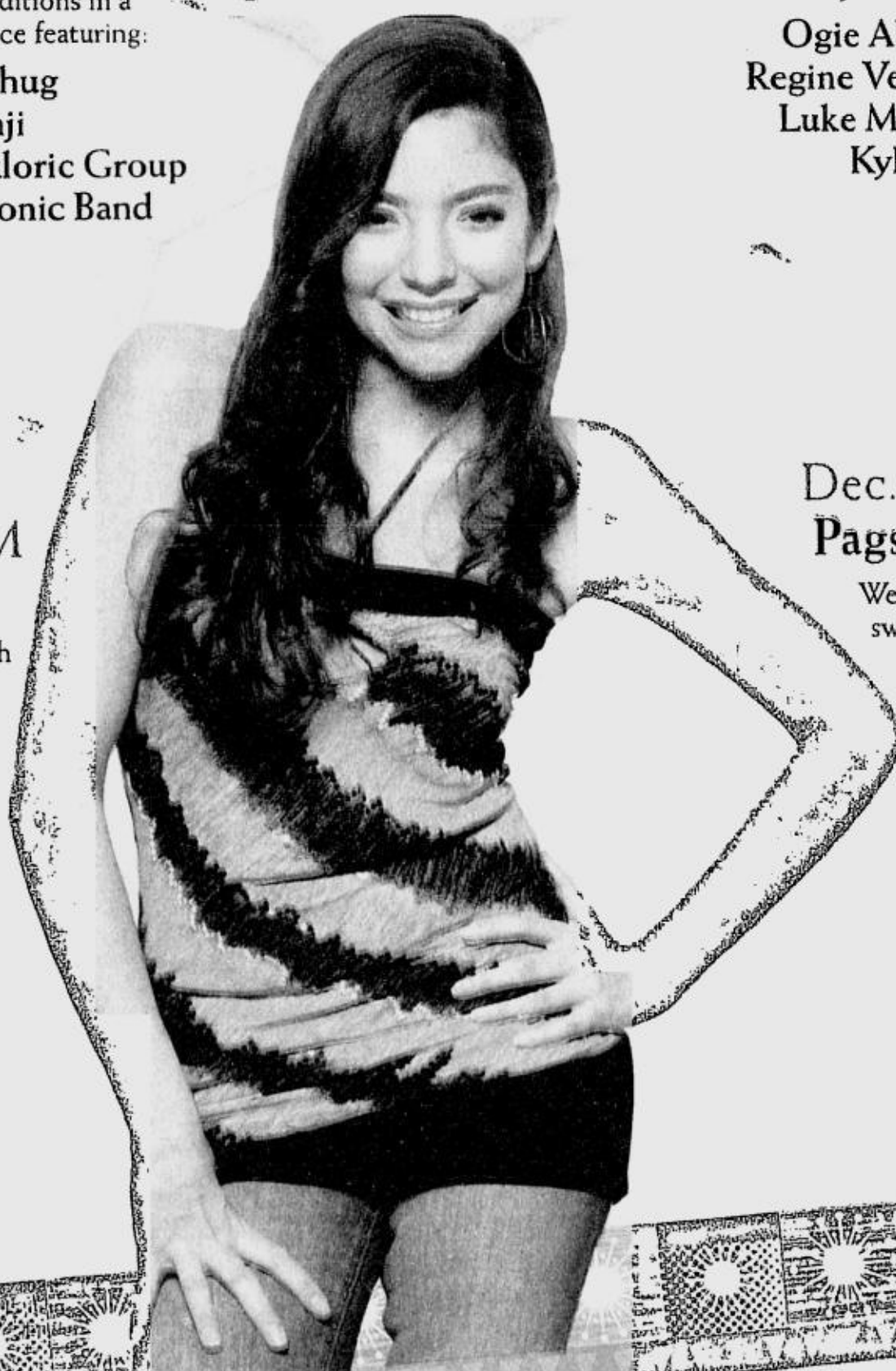
Enter the realm of the divine with
soul-stirring performances by:

UP Concert Chorus
Montserrat Singers
Bukas Palad
Singing Ambassadors
Joan Cano

Dec. 31 (Fri.), 8 PM Pagsalubong 2005

Welcome the New Year
swinging to the funky
Latin beat of:

La Carlota
Sipol
Paze Band



Fireworks Galore!

Christmas won't be complete without
Eastwood City's weekend fireworks spectacles.
All Fridays and Saturdays of December, 10 PM,
Dec. 31 (Fri.), 12 MN.

Must-see Musical

What happens if Santa calls it quits?
Find out the answer in "December Hints of Mistletoe,"
a musical presented by the Koine Theater Group Foundation.
Dec. 3, 10, 17 (Fridays), 7PM, at Eastwood City Walk II.

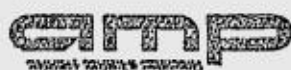
Eastwood City



A MEGAWORLD DEVELOPMENT

Exclusive Marketing Arm:

Eastwood Property Holdings, Inc.
www.eastwood-properties.com



Eastwood City, E. Rodriguez, Jr. Ave. (C-5), Quezon City Tel. 687-6770 to 74 • 0917-8-EWCITY



BUSINESS Friday

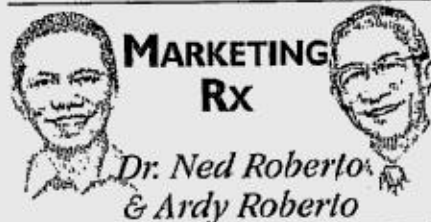
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Find out people's pet peeves and you have a potential product hit

Q: I'M AN entrepreneur who makes all-purpose house cleaners and disinfectants, bleaching products, wooden furniture polisher and cleaner, air freshener, disinfectant sprays, glass cleaner, etc. I'm a chemical engineer. It was (my command) of chemistry that I used to develop my products. I'm trying to learn marketing and I've been to a good number of marketing seminars. But, every time I ask how I can find out leads and opportunities for developing new products, I get about the same answer: Find out your consumers' unmet needs, and then make the products that will satisfy those needs. I've been asking consumers what they need and are looking for in household care products. So has my market research agency. But both my research agency and myself have nothing to show by way of new product insights from all our efforts. Can you help please?"

A: You are not alone. You probably took the advice of the marketing seminar speakers too literally. Their advice is basically correct but you don't just ask a consumer, "What are your needs?" Most entrepreneurs or marketing executives don't get the answers they want that will spark a new product insight because of the way they or their market research agency asks the question.

When you ask consumers "what do you look for or need in an air freshener, an all-purpose home cleaner or a bleaching product," you are assuming that consumers know what they need or what they are



MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

looking for in each of these products." Our own market research experience showed while consumers will answer this question, you will find nothing really new in their answers. For example, whenever we ask shampoo users what they want or look for in a shampoo, we already know what they will say and can therefore predict all their answers: cleans my hair; lathers abundantly; leaves my hair manageable; leaves my hair shiny; leaves my hair fragrant; does not cause dandruff and split ends; and the like. So in the what-need, what-look-for question, you don't uncover anything that you do not already know. And that's been the source of your frustration.

The other insight into this problem comes from new product innovators, inventors and developers. These people have long known that consumers can't tell you what they need or want or what they are looking for. The well-known and famous innovator, Akio Morita, founder of Sony, is often quoted to have said that when it comes to finding out consumer new product needs or wants: "In Sony, we don't ask consumers what they want. They don't know. Instead we apply our brain power to what they need, FIND OUT/B2-2

Consumers want even more (for even less)

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

CONSUMERS have always demanded more for less. But these days, they want even more for even less.

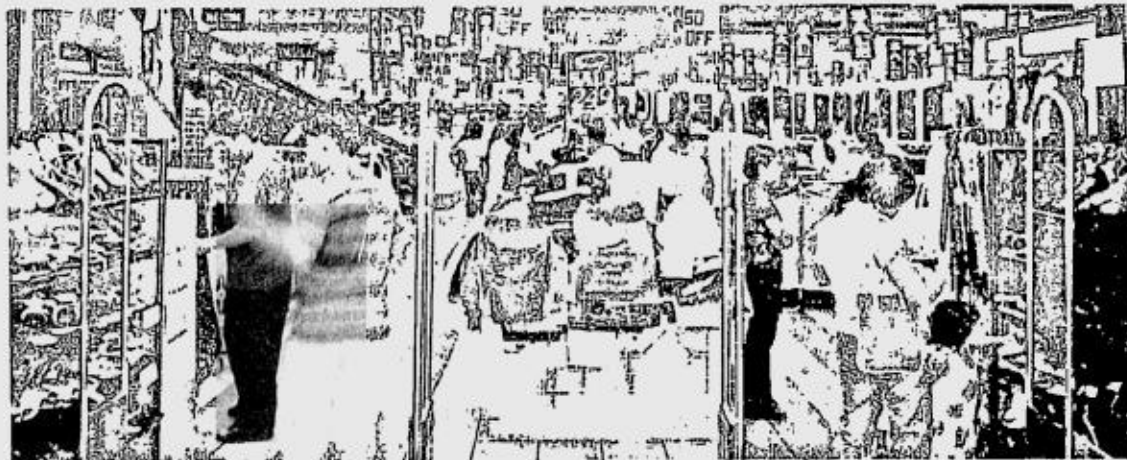
And consumers invariably get what they want, for the thousand choices in the market have forced many manufacturing and retail companies to bring down their selling prices, just to keep in step with competition.

This has led to thinning profit margins, a cause for serious concern among the players in the retail industry today.

Keith Newton of consulting firm Accenture said during a CEO discussion on "Addressing the Case of Thinning Margins in Asia" during the recently concluded ECR Conference in Manila, that the pressure to reduce margins was felt by both the retail and manufacturing sides of the business, and by consultants as well.

"It varies across countries and across categories, but it is true across Asia," Newton said.

Newton told the conference delegates that consumers today are emboldened by the proliferation



MANUFACTURERS have to bring down their selling prices, just to keep in step with competition. JIM GUANO/FUNZALAN

of goods to demand more of the companies that sell products and services.

But there are still ways for companies to deserve a premium price for their products. One of these is to strengthen the brand, which was defined as a "promise" by the company to deliver a superior product.

Johnip Cua, president of Procter and Gamble Philippines, says brands always have to be reinvigorated so they offer something new to consumers.

"We look for ways to protect our brands to address thinning margins. As a big company we have a bit more leeway in spreading the margins around across the different products," Cua said.

Another way is to promote a closer collaboration between manufacturers, retailers and other players in the retail world to reduce costs and keep margins stable.

Positive friction

Randy Guttery of Robinsons Supermarket and Big R Supercenter, referred to the cooperation between manufacturers and retailers as "positive friction" that should result in savings for both major players.

Guttery said there were still differences but the level of mistrust that has been the legacy for many years is going down. There were at least efforts exerted to get past these traditional barriers in favor of transparency and cooperation.

Chim Howe-Lai, Unilever senior vice president for Asia, said the tenets of efficient consumer response have also taken root across Asia and are leading to cus-

tomers loyalty, something that all retailers aspire for in these trying times.

The ECR movement started in Asia in the '90s to get players together to fulfill consumer wishes faster and at less cost, by focusing on four areas: supply, demand, enablers and integrators.

'Win-win-win'

ECR builds business, reduces cost and increases consumer value. It is a "win-win-win" proposition for everyone, especially the consumers because they benefit in terms of better and fresher products at the right time, in the right place, and at the right price.

Chim said ECR Asia looks forward next year to furthering the vision of ECR Asia to reduce out of stock incidents by half and to deliver increased value to consumers by being responsive to their demand, improving efficiency and reducing waste and unnecessary costs.

With this vision in mind, retailers and manufacturers in Asia can look forward to delighting the sophisticated Asian consumer, and their stockholders.



CLOSER links between manufacturers, retailers and suppliers help reduce costs and keep margins stable.

Ford
No Boundaries

The true spirit of giving is when you expect nothing in return.



Thank you for choosing the Lynx. Thank you for choosing the Escape. Allow us to show our appreciation by giving you the chance to get your payment back. If you buy any of these vehicles before December 30, you'll be given raffle tickets that could win you back your vehicle's full purchase price! There will be one winner each from among the Escape buyers and the Lynx buyers. The more generous you are with your choice of vehicle, the more tickets you receive, the more chances of getting back the blessings!

Coupon Table			
Lynx GSi	3 coupons	Escape 2.3L	10 coupons
Lynx Ghia	5 coupons	Escape 3.0L	15 coupons
Lynx RS	8 coupons		

Plus 0% Interest* plans on all Escape and Lynx models.

*Applies to 4.9% FIP 12-month scheme. See flyers for details. For DTH & R. Period: Nov. 5/04 to Dec. 31/04

• Ford Alabang, Trunk Lines: 842-1081 / 842-4628, Fax No.: 807-4430 • Ford Balintawak, Trunk Line: 927-9648, Fax No.: 927-9881 • Ford Commonwealth, Tel. Nos.: 952-9118, 952-9141, 952-9446 Fax No.: 952-9440 • Ford EDSA, Tel. No.: 744-2222, Fax No.: 723-6311 • Ford EDSA Service Center Tel. No.: 723-7029 • Ford Lobo, Trunk Line: 637-3044, Fax No.: 637-6028 • Ford Makati, Trunk Line: 810-5555, Fax No.: 815-0513 • Ford Mambay, Tel. No.: 562-5555 Fax No.: 562-8985 • Ford Quezon Avenue, Tel. No.: 731-2617, 742-3435 / 742-3436 Fax: 742-3451 • Ford Shaw Blvd., Trunk Line: 717-0888, Telex: 717-1390 • Ford Pampanga, Trunk Line: (045) 961-2888, Fax: (045) 961-2888 • Ford Cebu, Trunk Line: (032) 231-9180, Fax No.: (032) 231-9023 • Ford Cebu, Tel. No.: (032) 434-2151, Telex: (032) 434-2877 • Ford Iloilo, Tel. No.: (033) 311-3352, Telex: (033) 311-3351 • Ford Cagayan de Oro, Tel. No.: (088) 855-8814, Telex: (088) 855-8877 • Ford Davao, Tel. No.: (082) 234-1111, Fax No.: (082) 234-2222

Tower Awards 2005 launched

THE TOWER Awards 2005 (The Outstanding Workers of the Republic) jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manila, Metrobank Foundation Inc. and Peninsula Manila was launched recently.

The award is given to outstanding blue collar workers, both men and women in the fields of agriculture, fishery and forestry, communications, government, community and social services, construction, mining and quarrying, power generation and distribution, transportation, tourism and other small scale industries.

Judging will be based on skills de-

velopment; job innovation; performance in terms of quality, quantity, work and attitude; leadership; personal character and other talents.

Each winner will receive P50,000 in cash; a Tower Awards trophy; Baccalaureate Degree from the Technological University of the Philippines (TUP); full scholarship for a bachelor degree or a masteral degree, either from Central Colleges of the Philippines (CCP), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) or TUP transferable to the awardee's children and one week complimentary accommo-

dations at The Peninsula Manila.

Nomination forms may be obtained from Rotary Club of Manila secretariat office, 2nd floor, Delgado Building, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila or any Metrobank branch anywhere in the Philippines. Deadline for the submission of entries is March 31, 2005.

The Tower Awards 2005 is presented in cooperation with the Chinese-Filipino Business Club Inc., CCP, PLM and TUP.

For inquiries, call Noel Gonzales at 527-1889, 527-5295, 527-1885 (fax) or email rcmla@pacific.net.ph.

The investment priorities for 2004

By Romulo S. Danao
and Ronald Steven Arriessgado
SGV & Co.

FROM the time the Philippines was dubbed one of the emerging "Tiger Economies" (during the presidency of Fidel Ramos) of the Southeast Asian Region, the Philippine government, specifically the Board of Investments (BOI), has been keen on finding ways to pole-vault our "tiger-cub" economy into the 21st century.

The BOI issued the specific guidelines to implement the 2004 Investments Priorities Plan (IPP). The IPP is formulated yearly by the BOI by listing several economic activities that the BOI deems to be given preference.

The list of economic activities, if undertaken by local and foreign investors, serves as a conduit in the continuation of the Philippine's economic reform programs. The need for the efficient implementation of these programs are crucial for continuous industrial development, an increase in foreign direct investments, the acceleration of export sales, and the dispersal of economic growth to the countryside and congruent improvements in specific sectors.

As an incentive for investing in said preferred economic activities, the enterprise, after registering with the BOI, is usually granted an income tax holiday (ITH) for four or six years from the start of commercial operations, depending on the status of the economic activity (pioneer or non-pioneer status).

Although largely similar to the 2003 IPP, the 2004 IPP has included several innovations particularly with sustaining global competitiveness of Philippine industries. The following are the salient features of the 2004 IPP:

Export activities

Compared to the 2003 IPP which highlighted export trading and services, the export activities of the 2004 IPP focused on export producers; service exporters; and activities in support of exporters.

A. Export producers. This covers the manufacture of non-traditional export products, of which, 50 percent of the output must be exported if Filipino owned, 70 percent if foreign owned. In order to qualify for an ITH, industrial goods for export should have undergone manufacturing, while mineral products should have undergone processing.

However, the production of industrial goods including the exportation of recycled materials which have undergone simple processing in the form of cleaning, sorting, cutting, shredding, pulverizing, grinding, crushing, compacting, dissolving and filtration will not be granted ITH. Similarly, mineral products which have only undergone simple processing such as quarrying, mining, cleaning, sorting and size reduction will also not be afforded any ITH.

B. Service exporters. As for service exporters, these shall cover the following activities:

1. Information and communication technology (ICT) services;
2. ICT-enabled services; and
3. ICT support services rendered to international clients.

ICT services

ICT services include core information technology (IT) activities such as IT project management, applications systems development, applications services providers, Web development and management, database design and development, computer networking and data communications, software development, ICT facilities operations management, and computer graphics animation.

Software development projects/activities will be eligible for BOI registration if the product is for universal or commercial use. Those intended for a specified client/user (customized programs) will not be included.

ICT-enabled services

ICT-enabled services refer to businesses that can be transformed and delivered through ICT infrastructure such as call centers, medical/legal transcription, engineering design, and business process outsourcing activities.

Call centers must have a minimum investment of \$2,500 per seat in order to be qualified for BOI incentives. This amount covers the cost of the equipment (hardware and software), office furniture and fixtures, and building improvements, but excludes the cost of the land, building and working capital.

For call centers using leased equipment, the same may be converted to assets in terms of prevailing commercial interest rates amortized over a five-year period. If the equipment is consigned, the same should have a stated value and should be considered part of investment costs.

ICT support services

ICT support services cover activities such as research and development of high value-added communication technology (CT) products and services, ICT educational and training institutions, incubation centers, and provision of Internet services, community access (limited to less developed areas), and electronic governance, excluding Internet service providers.

ICT educational and training institutions refer to the establishment and operation of training institutions that specialize in developing skills using state-of-the-art facilities. To be eligible for registration with the BOI, the project, specifically the institution's curriculum, should be endorsed by the Technical Educational and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or the recognized industry association in the field of training. The project must also provide training laboratories with reliable means of Internet access.

Community access facilities include Internet cafes/kiosks and multipurpose telecommunication centers which provide facilities for mass-based use of Internet commerce, and should be located in less-developed areas

in order to avail of the BOI incentives.

The project should have the following qualifications:

- Utilizes a network that provides reliability of access;
- A rollout plan covering various areas of the Philippines;
- Support the programs of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in complying with the "Government On-line" project;
- Assist educational institutions in promoting e-commerce and in augmenting the lack of sufficient computer facilities.

In order to be eligible for pioneer status, an ICT related project should comply with any of the following criteria:

- The project should utilize new or untried technology;
- The project should introduce a major innovation in software development; and
- The project cost should be at least \$2.5 million to be put up during the first year of operations.

C. Activities in support of exporters—This covers the following services:

- Services comprising a portion of the manufacturing process;
- Sub-assembly of parts/components of the final export product;
- Fabrication of parts/components of final products wherein the raw materials are provided by the direct exporter;
- Product testing and inspection—these shall cover activities that will verify Philippine products' compliance with national and international standards (ISO certifications);
- Repair, maintenance and calibration of machinery and equipment used by export-oriented companies—these shall cover activities that will ensure the proper operation of machinery and equipment and may include the provision of spare parts and sub-assembly necessary for the repair.

Once registered with the BOI, the enterprise must render at least 50 percent of its services, if Filipino owned, or 70 percent of its services, if foreign owned, to exporters registered with the BOI, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, or other economic zones.

Specifically, registered enterprises engaged in the repair, maintenance and calibration of machinery, at least 50 percent if Filipino owned, or 70 percent if foreign owned, of the income should be generated from the servicing of export-oriented firms registered with the BOI, Philippine Economic Zone Authority, or other economic zones.

Other preferred activities

The 2004 IPP has included three new activities otherwise not found in the 2003 IPP:

1. Environmental services—These services cover the following:

- a. Establishment of toxic and hazardous waste (THW) merchant facilities—These refer to an integrated and self-contained facility capable of processing a wide range of toxic and hazardous waste that involves complete treatment, storage and disposal. To qualify for registration, the project must use only locally generated THWs. In general, a pioneer status will be granted if the facility costs more than \$20 million.
- b. Testing/measuring services for industrial/institutional point sources of emission and effluent and other related environmental parameters for machinery and equipment excluding motor vehicles—To be eligible for BOI registration, the application should be endorsed by the Environmental Monitoring Body (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the project shall adopt a technology that conforms with the international standards for industrial testing projects as certified by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Pioneer status may be granted on certain conditions.

c. Clean development mechanism (CDM) projects—These projects cover activities that substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, fuel switching, methane recovery, industrial processes/changes, cogeneration (use of waste heat from electric generation), electric and fuel cell vehicles, methane reduction in rice cultivation and afforestation and reforestation projects. To qualify for BOI registration, the application should be endorsed by the DENR-EMB or the project is included in the positive list of CDM eligible projects of DENR-EMB.

d. River system rehabilitation—This covers projects involving the environmental management and rehabilitation of Philippine waterways pursuant to the mandate provided by the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) and the Manila Bay Environmental Management Program (MBEMP). To qualify for BOI registration, an endorsement from PRRC or DENR is required.

2. Packaging—This covers production of packaging materials using high technology and brand new equipment. "Packaging materials," as defined in the 2004 IPP, shall mean all products made of any materials to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery or presentation of goods.

3. Petrochemicals—This involves the manufacture of petrochemicals derived from petroleum raw materials or natural gas. Activities covered include upstream activities (manufacture of monomers such as ethylene and propylene) and downstream activities (chemical conversion of monomers into polymers such as polyethylene, polystyrene, polypropylene, and polyvinyl chloride).

The Philippine economy is currently at a stage where economic reforms have begun to make its impact positively felt through the country's main economic indicators. Although reforms are still continuing and more investment enhancing measures are still being pursued, there are indications that the country can fast-track priority economic activities to jump-start the economy's development.

Find out people's pet peeves ...

From page B2-1

and will want, and make sure we're there, ready."

Ask what they hate

What is this "brain power" application? It follows what consumer psychology and behavior research has discovered. And it's this: what consumers know is what they do not want, what they do not need, what they do not like, what they hate. Consumers are experts at talking about the details of their problems and concerns. When you succeed in getting consumers to talk about what's making them happy or contented, they speak in generic terms without the engaging details.

It is this consumer insight that made up the basis for the research technique that BBDO, a New York ad agency, developed and branded as PDA or Problem Detection Analysis. Ed Roa introduced PDA in the Philippines in the '80s. It enjoyed a brief period of popularity. Ed headed the 1980s Unilever's house research agency, Unisearch. AC Nielsen later acquired Unisearch. Ed then headed ACN after the acquisition.

Today, the PDA question remains as the better and richer source of new product insights and idea-generating question. It asks very simply: "This product that you now use to satisfy your need for wood furniture polishing, have you at one time or another had any occasion when you were disappointed, annoyed or irritated with it? If you had, what specifically has disappointed, annoyed or irritated you about it?"

Find out the pet peeves of people and you have a potential product hit.

This is similar to the advice that Jay Bernardo, professor of entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), gives to his students: What is it that irritates you? There is a business opportunity in creating a product or ser-

vice that solves or gets rid of that irritation. AIM grad and entrepreneur, Raffi David, co-founded Pilipinas Teleserv to solve the irritation of people who had to line up and cut through so much red tape to renew a passport at the DFA or get a birth or marriage certificate from the NSO. Now all you have to do is call his DFA Direct or NSO Direct hotlines and they take care of everything. It's worth the few hundred bucks and their services have been "irritation solvers" even for us! (A classic case is the ubiquitous Post-its. We were told that Post-its were born because Art Fry, a 3M engineer, was irritated at the loose pieces of paper he used to mark the songs needed for church service that kept on falling out of his hymn book.)

The productivity record of this question for generating new products has been outstanding. It is said to have led to Akio Morita's invention of the Walkman after he asked the question of audiophiles who were listeners of stereo players and cassette tape players.

What do you hate about napkins?

The development of the sanitary napkin Whisper with wings is attributed to the answers that consumers of no-wings napkin brands gave to the PDA question. When Whisper took over market leadership, the story says Modess regained leadership because it developed and launched a napkin that features channels and wings. The idea for that new napkin came from answers that Whisper napkin users gave when asked the very same PDA question that led to the development of Whisper napkin. (Women said they were irritated with napkins that "leaked" blood from the sides.)

A creative and extended variant of asking the PDA question was also responsible for the product concept underlying the unprecedented market entry success of the feminine wash

brand, pH Care.

Users of the competitor brand, Lactacyd, were asked the PDA question. The insight into feminine wash users' need for a non-drying, non-itchy, and non-UTI causing wash came out from the answers. Then the company's new product development scientists were asked a PDA extension question: "In Lactacyd, what can disappoint, annoy and irritate its users if they actually use it daily?" The compelling pH Care product claim about pH balance came out of the laboratory tests and analyses addressing the PDA extension question. The lab tests discovered that Lactacyd had the wrong pH balance. This incorrect pH balance was found to be the source of the product's skin-drying, itchiness-producing, and UTI-causing incidences. This is what Akio Morita meant when he said: "We will apply our brain power on what consumers ... will want" or can be made to want. (That's the essence of being market-driving instead of market-driven.)

To students and clients who are using research for product and market opportunity search, we used to say this: "If you don't ask the question, you won't get the answer." After our research experience had shown that it's not just a matter of asking a question, we've modified that advice and now say: "If you don't ask the CORRECT question, you won't get the CORRECT answer."

So believe in the power of the correct question and learn to ask it. It's your consumer "insighter" for new product ideas and opportunities.

Erratum! Our apologies to the Taco Bell people and Grace Magno of the Araneta Group who owns the Taco Bell franchise in the Philippines. In last week's column, we gave the impression that Taco Bell in Singapore closed. Taco Bell remains open in the Lion City.

Feedback at mrxpdi@pltdsl.net or at eroberto@pltdsl.net



GUYITO WILD HUNT

REWARDS

The wild chase is on for Inquirer's Guyito!


Look for the specially-marked Guyito coupon in the pages of Inquirer. Cut out, put your name, address and signature. Drop at designated drop boxes for a shot at your most wanted rewards!

Join the fun as Inquirer celebrates 19 exciting years of giving Filipinos no less than balanced news and fearless views.

Hunt from September 27 to December 14, 2004!

See posters and print ads for more details.

Per DTI Permit No. 2147, Series of 2004.


All products are available at Digital Exchange Glorietta 3

THE MORE EXPENSIVE THE BETTER

Greeting card biz thrives in e-mail era

NO ONE throws a Hallmark card away. Especially not when it costs a whopping £10.

Despite the threats posed by modern means of communications such as e-mail and texting, the greeting card business is apparently still thriving. So much so that in England, greeting card giant Hallmark sells a card with a tag price equivalent to roughly P1,040.

Ian I. Stuart, president of Hallmark International, said the £10 greeting card is practically a work of art. "This card has got a lot of additional attachments. It doesn't have just four pages. Inside would be small, lighter pages; outside, we'd have little pieces added on that's got some depth and usually a nice ribbon down the edge. Then we'd have little (faux) diamonds, snowdrops, a tear or a little heart. It's quite a construction. It comes in a box. It's almost a gift. You would never ever throw it away. You would keep it."

Stuart, who was in Manila recently to mark the 30th anniversary of Hallmark in the Philippines, also cited musical cards with a retail cost of \$8 each as best sellers in the European market, particularly in the Netherlands.

He described the greeting card business as "pretty healthy." He said sales growth has been noted mostly in Europe and Australasia.

"In terms of number of cards sold everyday, it's very flat; what we're seeing is that people are wishing to buy greeting cards of higher value. So as an industry, we're trying to put more design and content into the cards."

Hallmark shows in its website consolidated net revenues of \$4.3 billion in 2003. It claims to have greater than 50 percent of the greeting card market.

In the Philippines, Stuart said it has been a good year for Hallmark, citing Christmas and Valentine's Day as two occasions when greeting cards tend to enjoy brisk sales.

He acknowledged, however, that the texting phenomenon has had some impact on the business locally. "Young kids in particular find it quite trendy right now to send SMS (short messaging system). The question is, whether that will be in the long term, good or bad for the industry. Short-term will be bad; there's some evidence long-term will be quite good."

Stuart said at the moment, it is still not known what the long-term impact of electronic communications would be, but that the phenomenon of sending e-cards was expected, particularly in the United States.

Maximo G. Licaucó III, president of Filstar Distributors Corp., distributor of Hallmark in the Philippines, said the popularity of cell phones in the country has changed the lifestyle of Filipinos particularly in terms of communicating. He noted that the mobile phone, which was introduced to the country seven to eight years ago, now has approximately 30 million users.

"We can actively communicate now and somehow it has affected the industry of greeting cards. Even if you say Hallmark is ink on paper, when you send a greeting via cell phone, it's still a piece of greeting to a birthday celebrant, for instance," Licaucó said.

He said Filstar is currently undertaking measures to reach out to the "texting generation," a segment described as



MAXIMO G. Licaucó III, Cecilia R. Licaucó, Ian Stuart and Scott Chaloud, Hallmark International licensing and export director. Photo on right shows a new line—the Maya Angelou's Life Mosaic Collection.

exposed to the use of mobile phones and for whom sending greeting cards is almost a rarity.

Filstar has been conducting a tour of elementary schools featuring letter-writing sessions for students. The company has brought the project to 20 schools already out of an initial target of 25 schools. But because of the positive response, Filstar is likely to commit to another 25 schools by the first quarter of 2005, according to Licaucó.

The lessons on letter-writing have proven to be an effective vehicle for promoting the Hallmark

brand, along with that of Bic ballpen, which Filstar also carries. Products are distributed to students for free or are given away as prizes for writing contests.

But there is another reason for the good feedback to the writing sessions—they have supplemented school efforts to combat so-called "text spelling." "We have received a lot of comments from teachers saying that spelling has eroded among students. 'Time' is spelled as 'tym', 'Are you' is spelled as 'r u'. It's all shortcut. By going school to school, we are

able to teach them how to express themselves more in the proper way," Licaucó said.

Cecilia R. Licaucó, vice president for purchasing of National Book Store, said the school tour is aimed at instilling an appreciation for the written word among the project's target group.

"In the 30 years that Hallmark has been in the Philippines, we've gone through several ages al-

ready of greeting card senders. We want to ensure the younger generation is also exposed to it," she said.

Licaucó III added they also hope to show young people an alternative way of greeting loved ones, particularly on special occasions. "When you receive a text, you are greeted; when you receive a card, it's beyond greeting. There is emotion involved. You know the sender took time to pick the design that would fit your character and the sentiment that would fit what he wanted to say. There's more of a personal touch to it."

Stuart said attracting the younger market has meant bringing added value to a greeting card. For instance, Hallmark has incorporated gift items such as a love bracelet along with a card. "We're trying to give people things they can't get from a different

ent category and interest them to buy. We're also trying to place our products with frequent everyday purchases so whatever you buy, you get an incentive to buy greeting cards."

The greeting card, being the company's product, itself receives utmost care and attention. According to Stuart, Hallmark maintains a creative staff of about 1,400, comprised of writers, orig-

inal artists and designers.

Aside from maintaining links with fine arts colleges, Hallmark also sponsors young designers' wards in the hope of discovering fresh talents.

Hallmark invests heavily in its creative staff, for instance sending their designers to exposure trips where they can get inspiration and to "just be creative." The results are later manifested in the designs that the staff comes out with.

He added the various design teams also go on creativity immersions at Hallmark's Kansas headquarters. Writers, on the other hand, go through writing exercises and attend sessions with consumers who talk to them about life experiences—all potential sources of greeting material.

Stuart pointed out that Hallmark also has about half a billion pieces of writing on electronic file, some written as far back as the 1950s. "So a modern day writer can visit stuff that's been written before and find things which are relevant for the day and bring them back."

Popular designs are also brought back, but on the whole, Stuart estimated that 50 to 75 percent of Hallmark cards are new every year.

He said that the much-vaunted £10 greeting card has its share of buyers, but then there are those who still go for the basic. Stuart recalled that among the company's huge hits is an anniversary card from a husband to his wife.

"It has four simple lines: 'Loved you then/ Love you still/ Always have/ Always will.' Very powerful," Stuart said.

Quantum

Non-stop

Annual Income*

for Life.

Pay only for 5 years and avail yourself of an annual income for as long as you live. Plus, it also gives you guaranteed life protection.

*Annual Income based on accumulated dividends and interest rates currently in effect. Dividends and interest on dividends are not guaranteed and future values will depend on future company experience.

PHILAM LIFE
Are You Ready for Life?

AIG. A Member of American International Group, Inc.

The Philam Group of Companies offers you a full range of financial services: Life and General Insurance • Property and Casualty Insurance • Health Care Management • Pre-Need Plans • Savings Bank • Mutual Funds • Property Development • Credit Cards • Business Processing Service • Bancassurance • Financial Advisory Service
You may contact us at (02) 528-2000 or (toll ASK-SPOCO) AD/QUANTUM/YOUR NAME/YOUR TOWN OR CITY and send to 0919 974 4526 / 0917 621 5433

www.ephilam.com • www.ofweb.net.ph

BUSINESS Friday

Benguet pursues Virginia

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

TUBA, Benguet—It may be a long shot but Benguet is trying to be the newest member of the elite "Republic Act 7171 Club" composed of the provinces benefiting from the excise taxes from the sale of Virginia tobacco.

Tuba Mayor Jose Baluda said residents have welcomed the idea of cultivating Virginia tobacco even as the production of temperate vegetables has dropped.

Highest price

He said farms growing tobacco in Barangays Tabaan Norte, Taloy Sur and Nangalisan here have expanded from 30 hectares last year to more than 100 ha this year.

But the better news is that Virginia tobacco leaves planted in Benguet yielded the highest price among all types of Virginia tobacco this year.

Benedict Lumauig, National Tobacco Administration deputy director for operations, said the Benguet tobacco leaves fetched a buying price of P89 a kilogram, almost twice the average buying price of tobacco grown in other areas.

Now, Benguet is keeping its goal of becoming the fifth province to benefit from RA 7171 or the recipient of the excise taxes

from the sale of Virginia tobacco.

Ilocos Sur, La Union, Abra and Ilocos Norte are the only members of the so-called RA 7171 Club. For Benguet to enter the group, it must have an annual production of more than a million kgs.

While Benguet tries to reach its production target, its share of RA 7171 funds is being credited to nearby Pugo, La Union.

Baluda said this was estimated at between P1.5 million and P2 million.

"We are thinking of coming out with a MOA (memorandum of agreement) with Pugo to use the money in improving the roads here and other necessary infrastructures," Baluda said.

Itogon, a mining town in Benguet, also wants to cultivate tobacco, hoping to duplicate the success of Tuba.

Itogon Mayor Mario Godio said farmers in Barangay Tinongdan are enthusiastic to cultivate tobacco.

"There are no other livelihood for them. Mining is dying," he said.

Around 20 hectares in Tinongdan are devoted to tobacco farming, he said.

Even if the tobacco industry is already described as a sunset industry, almost all industry players predict that Benguet will pave the way on how the tobacco industry will go.

"It is very possible," said Mathew Diong, TransManila Inc. vice president for operations. TMI is the leaf buyer for Philip Morris Philippines Manufacturing Inc.

Last year, Benguet farmers already produced 52,000 kgs, and for the next year's harvest, they can easily harvest 200,000 kgs, Diong said.

"If there's a will, there's a way," he added.

TMI had been providing the will for Benguet farmers who were hesitant to go into tobacco production when the idea was first presented to them three years ago.

TMI opened the Philippine Tobacco School last year in Barangay Tabaan Norte here and had graduated 43 tobacco farmers last May.

On Nov. 24, they graduated 50 more farmers in a hands-on training to properly cultivate Virginia tobacco. Of the second batch, 20 came from Itogon.

Also on that day, TMI opened the 1st Philippine Tobacco Production Technology Training Center in Tabaan Norte. Diong said his company set aside P3 million as initial investment to produce world-class Virginia tobacco here.

He said the training center is geared to transfer new technology to farmers. The center comes with a nursery, laboratory and

training kits provided by TMI to new tobacco farmers.

Diong said the center's trainers would go to communities to teach farmers how to grow Virginia tobacco.

Tobacco leaves produced in Benguet, he said, have been proven superior to their lowland counterparts.

"The direction of the market is globalization. To penetrate the world market, we need quality-centered production. We need to learn how to gain the prestige," he said.

He said Philip Morris promised to help TMI in its training as long as the tobacco produced is superior. He said Philip Morris bought all the tobacco produced here.

Diong said the Benguet tobacco is comparable to Brazilian tobacco, which is among the best in the world.

Lawrence Wee, agronomy head of Philip Morris Philippines, said the Benguet tobacco is "promising. They are very good. Visually, there is a little room for improvement," Wee said.

Quality tobacco leaves have a light orange color and the structure of the open veins should be prominent, he said.

"But smoking-wise, the leaves are indeed good," he said.

To produce quality tobacco, Wee said the right quality of soil, water viability and weather



EVEN if the tobacco industry was described a sunset industry, almost all players predict Benguet will pave the way on how the tobacco industry will go.

should be considered.

Diong said the weather condition should be "hot days, cold nights and humid."

TMI is advocating the early growth system where the planting starts in November to take ad-

vantage of the cold season.

Wee said the training school is a good step for the new farmers. He said new technology, rather than traditional knowledge, is needed to compete in the world market.

Furniture group charts RP strategies to compete globally

THE CHAMBER of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP) is charting the strategic moves to beat the stiff competition in the world market.

This was revealed by CFIP president Nikolaas de Lange, citing the recruitment of thousands of Filipino designers by China and Malaysia to make their furniture products globally competitive.

"With Filipino designers being recruited by foreign countries, CFIP members can no longer just rely on design, ingenuity, and craftsmanship," De Lange said, implying that the Philippines' niche in the world's high-end market segment could consequently face a serious threat.

He stressed the need for the local industry to focus on specific markets by studying and understanding them in terms of tastes, culture-inspired preferences and lifestyle-driven necessities.

"Only then can we correct design products for every specific market and attack it through identified channels of distribution," De Lange pointed out.

The Philippines has always catered to the upper end of the global market, where it has gained a niche in high-end designs, capturing design-oriented stores worldwide.

Nonetheless, there's potential to stay in that niche, according to De Lange, "for as long as we can

have better access to foreign retailers. And the Filipinos are good in servicing foreign retail customers."

But to increase exports, which account for only 1/5 of one percent of the world's total furniture production, the Philippines will have to venture into the other segments beyond its niche and come up with market-specific products.

"Product development is very important," De Lange said as he emphasized the need for collaboration among factories in adjacent localities to develop complementary specializations, and facilitate production at required quality and volume.

This type of collaboration, De

Lange explained, would mean assigning parts of a big contract to other nearby factories that have their respective specialization in various aspects of the production line.

"Not every factory can have all the machines required to produce fine furniture, but each factory can have one where it can specialize in, do business, and make profits," De Lange explained.

The result would be the practice of subcontracting, which has become prevalent among manufacturers in Japan and Italy to enable them to meet volume and quality requirements within specific time frames.

Complementation has thus become a key strategy being espoused by the CFIP to also maxi-

mize the use of capital, gain economies of scale, achieve cost-efficiency, and attain both quality and price competitiveness in the world market in anticipation of increased competition in all segments.

The need for increased productivity also stems from the enormous growth in the number of foreign buyers who visit the CFIP's Philippine International Furniture Show (PIFS), which is staged annually at the World Trade Center and the Philippine Trade Training Center.

The next PIFS will be held on Feb. 28 to March 3, 2005. From 250, the number of PIFS exhibitors has risen to 280, while the number of foreign buyers has doubled to 1,200.

"Among the foreign buyers, the US is such an attractive market because it's only in the US that you have the large retail chains—with 120 stores," De Lange said. "The Middle East is also an attractive market. A lot of the Middle East guys have not been going to the US anymore because of visa restrictions. They have also realized that a lot of the furniture that they buy in the US come from the Philippines."

The European market, according to De Lange, is "interesting—more independent—because they have only three or four stores. The volumes are not so big because they don't have these retail chains covering all of Europe."



OVERHAULED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!*

Have your Hyundai vehicle tuned up for the holidays. Visit any authorized dealer of Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI) and avail of the discount packages when you buy any Shell Petroleum product. Plus, customers who avail of any of the packages are entitled to the following discounting schemes: A.) 20% discount on A/C belt, P/S belt, alternator belts & wiper blades, B.) 10% discount on wheel alignment, C.) 10% discount on batteries, D.) 5% discount on Kumho or Michelin tires.

PACKAGE 1: OIL CHANGE using SHELL HELIX SUPER

- 50% discount on oil filter
- 20% discount on labor

PACKAGE 2: OIL CHANGE using SHELL HELIX PLUS

- 50% discount on oil filter
- 20% discount on labor

PACKAGE 3: OIL CHANGE using SHELL HELIX ULTRA

- 50% discount on oil filter
- 20% discount on labor
- 5% discount on oil

PACKAGE 4: BRAKE CHECK-UP

- 20% discount on labor
- 20% off on brake pads/shoes



PROMO RUNS FROM OCT. 13 - DEC 11, 2004.

* Approved by DTI-NCR For DTI-NCR Permit No. 2383 Series Of 2004



HYUNDAI ALABANG - Tel: (02) 800-1771, (02) 800-7344 / (02) 802-3574 / (02) 802-3553 / Mobile: (0917) 327-8088 • HYUNDAI COMMONWEALTH* - Tel. Nos. 951-2201 to 10 • HYUNDAI E. RODRIGUEZ SR. AVE. - Tel: (02) 727-6394, (02) 413-1848 (02) 251-0018, (02) 253-1908 • HYUNDAI EDSA - Tel: (02) 882-2433 / (02) 882-2432 • HYUNDAI MAKATI - Tel: (02) 830-0013 to 17 Telefax: (02) 830-0023 • HYUNDAI ORTIGAS - Tel: (02) 723-9101 to 07 • HYUNDAI QUEZON AVENUE - Tel: (02) 374-3911 / (02) 411-2720 • HYUNDAI CEBU - Tel: (032) 346-2724, (032) 346-4146 / (032) 346-0324 to 26 • HYUNDAI DAVAO - Tel: (082) 235-2955 / Telefax: (082) 305-0000 • HYUNDAI ILOILO - Tel: (033) 320-7020, (033) 508-8878 / Telefax: (033) 320-4186 • HYUNDAI LA UNION - Tel: (072) 712-8887 to 88 • HYUNDAI LAGUNA - Tel: (049) 411-5550 / (02) 520-8211, (02) 520-8250 • HYUNDAI PAMPANGA - Tel: (045) 961-1184, (045) 961-3977, (045) 861-8888, (045) 888-3333



RUSTAN'S MAKATI · RUSTAN'S TOWER · RUSTAN'S CUBAO · RUSTAN'S HARRISON PLAZA · AYALA CENTER, CEBU
CORTE DE LAS PALMAS (ALABANG TOWN CENTER) · GREENBELT 3 · ROBINSONS GALLERIA · ROBINSONS PLACE MANILA
SM MEGAMALL, BLDG. B · THE POWER PLANT (ROCKWELL CENTER) · THE STORE (GRAND BOULEVARD HOTEL)
SM BAGUIO · SM DAVAO · GATEWAY MALL, ARANETA CENTER



TINA Maristela Ocampo

Female eye for the straight guy's look

THREE fab women who swear by the appeal of menswear—fashion entrepreneur and former model Tina Maristela Ocampo (MIX, The Black Shop, Anonymous, i2i), 42; Preview associate fashion editor Isha Andaya, 24; and model-photographer Joann Bitagcol, 26—share their views on where to source men's clothes and how to wear them with style.

Why do you wear men's clothes?

Isha: They are comfortable and less inhibiting than tight or ruffy clothes. I also find that tailored cuts are more flattering for my shape. Men's trousers (without pleats) make my legs look longer and slimmer and for that sleek look nothing beats a well-cut jacket.

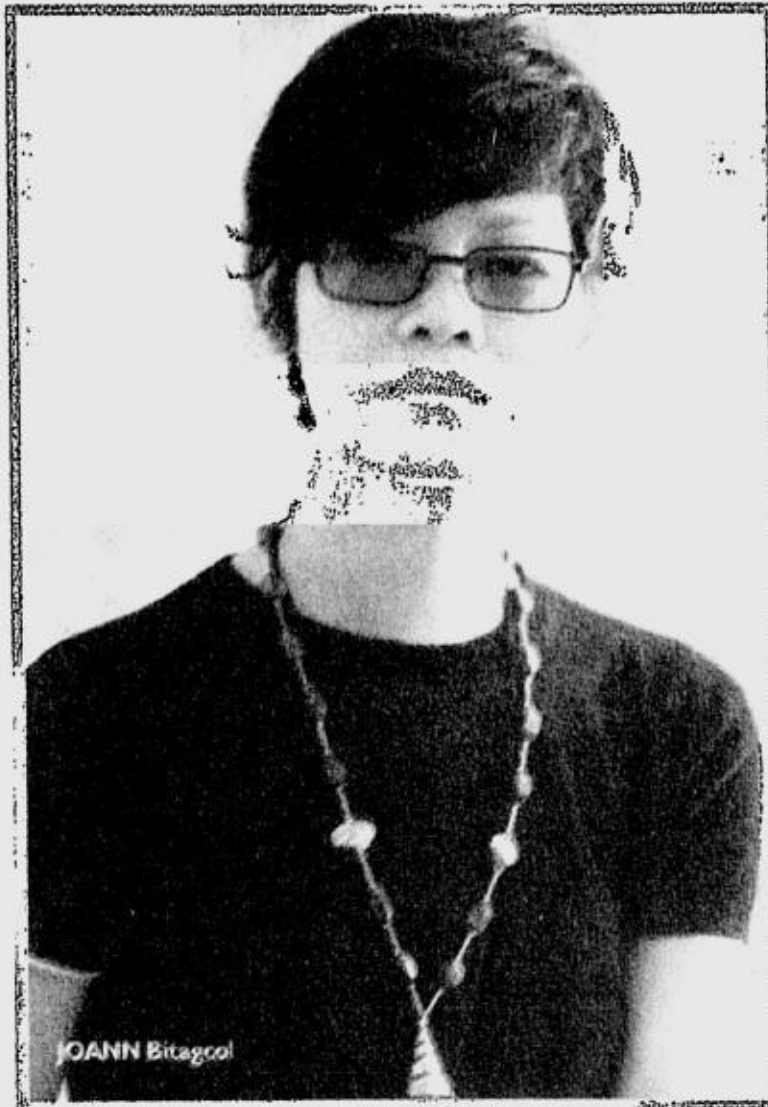
Tina: It's inevitable to have moments that I get sick and tired of wearing feminine pieces and often find inspiration from a certain menswear item that I chance upon on my shopping expeditions.

Joann: It's a form of security/defense mechanism on my part because I live in a not-so-safe area in Makati and I commute a lot.

Favorite piece

Isha: My knee-length boy shorts since they are so easy to move in and I like how they fit. My gray Victor and Rolf jeans that are cut like men's trousers and sit really low on my hips—they're so masculine yet sexy at the same time. My logo shirts that have a bit of that scruffy boy attitude. I wear them with everything, even skirts.

Tina: My latest find is a Pucci necktie that I found in a flea market in Connecticut. It was a wonderful find amid the chaos of prints. When I saw the print I was thrilled by the possibilities—other than a



JOANN Bitagcol

PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA



ISHA Andaya

PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA



PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA

From manpower to woma

THERE is no doubt menswear has injected an energy into female fashion that no trend or designer can shake off. And we are not just talking here about a woman throwing on her boyfriend's shirt after spending the night with him. From runway to real life, manly accoutrements have adorned women and made them even more provocative. Local designers Joey Samson, Patrice Ramos-Diaz and Louis Claparols help us understand why.

What makes menswear more than a trend?

Joey: More and more females have come to adopt or embrace men's dressing into their wardrobe and even make it a staple wardrobe item. I guess it's more fun to dress up when you throw a menswear piece onto the usual feminine garment.

Patrice: Menswear materials and the mannish look have been in and out of fashion since way back. They continue to be a strong look because of the classic feel and the interesting irony that mannish outfits can actually bring forth a woman's femininity. The reason menswear for women is more than a trend is it has lasting power in a woman's wardrobe, a long shelf-life. The look has become classic.

Louis: Because menswear doesn't



PATRICE Ramos-Diaz

drastically change; if it does the change is gradual.

What are your favorite menswear pieces to work on?

Joey: Tuxedo suit and trousers.

Patrice: I like exploring the use of Italian wool, and other types of suiting materials. I also play around with the classic white polo

shirts, tuxedo shirts, tuxedo pants, cummerbands, the trubenized collars and French cuffs.

Louis: Almost everything, but since I do womenswear it's fun to add interesting details to men's trousers to make it more feminine... like embellishments, patterns.

Where lies the appeal in designing menswear for women?

Joey: The marriage of both masculine and feminine shape/silhouette and detail and even fabrication in a singular look.

Patrice: The appeal lies in the irony... that something masculine can actually make a woman look so feminine.

Louis: In designing menswear for women, you make the character of the woman seem stronger, more empowered, larger than life.

What type of woman can wear menswear?

Joey: Those who are willing to be more than typical and who are not afraid to explore the other side of their individuality.

Patrice: Menswear can be figure flattering since the lines are clean and classic or usually tailored.

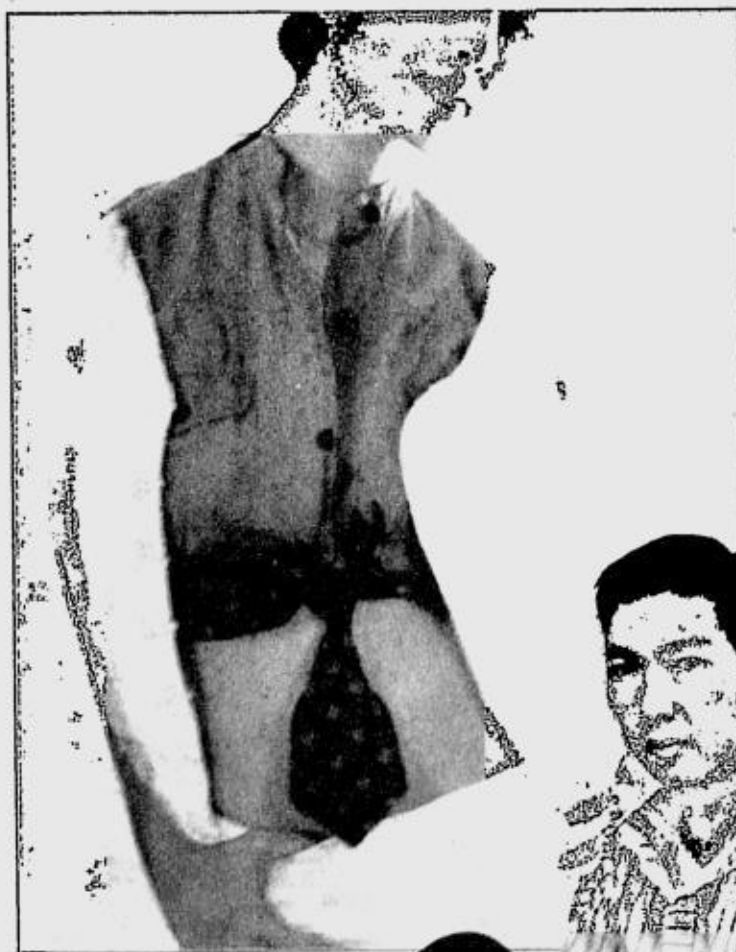
Louis: Women who don't believe that the man is the only one who "wears the pants" in their relationships, in their work, in the world.

Which designers do you think brought menswear to the forefront of fashion and have kept it from being dated?

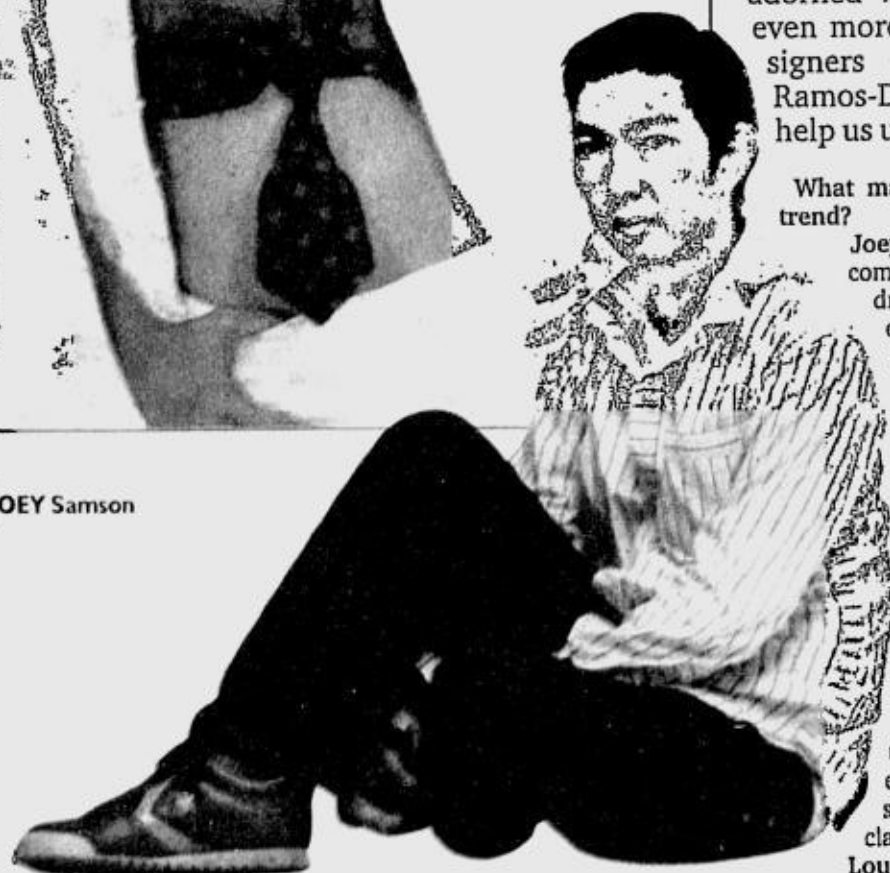
Joey: Coco Chanel for her beach pajamas, YSL for his Le Smokin' jacket, Giorgio Armani for his soft tailoring, and most recently Hedi Slimane for his slim, almost severe suits.

Patrice: Ralph Lauren, Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Paul Smith, Victor and Rolf, Jil Sander, Ann Demeulemeester, Junya Watanabe, and Yohji Yamamoto.

Louis: Paul Smith—by adding a lot of



JOEY Samson



The allure of his clothes

Women who
 dress like men
 look more
 distinguished
 and gives new
 meaning to
 the term 'power
 dressing.'

Joanna: I could use it as a belt to go with my skirt.
 Joann: My low-waist trousers because they are comfortable.

Do you think it's sexy for women to dress like men?

Joanna: Yes, probably because it makes women look more distinguished and gives new meaning to the term "power dressing." Feminine clothes lend a certain frailty and delicacy to the wearer so menswear is ideal for the man who likes strong women.

Tina: When a woman uses a man's watch and a laced camisole under a single-button men's jacket—I don't think it's a turn-off to men. Quite the opposite, in fact. Honestly, though, when a woman wears a complete menswear look and acts like a man to boot even I get turned off.

Joann: There are some people who appreciate the subtle creativity involved in my dressing counter to the stereotype of "what a model should wear" but I am not sure if I find it sexy.

Fashion icons

Joanna: Stella Tennant (Chanel model/fashion aristocrat). In Manila, Joann Bitagcol faith Uy.

Joanna: Marlene Dietrich and all the '40s women during the war prior to Christian Dior's "new look."

Joann: British model Stella Tennant—she is an icon when it comes to styling.

Where and how do you source your menswear items?

Joanna: I keep an eye out for tailored pieces in stores I go. I might find a nice vest or shirt in Mango or cool polo in Tyler. I've even found stuff at Bench. Usually I look in men's magazines—like Details, or a show or movie or some guy I spot—I then just put it together with things I already have or what I see in the store. I shop.

Joanna: Flea markets, Barneys men's section (New York), Japan department stores have "mannish pieces" for women. Antique watches also interest me.

Joann: Most of my items come from my friend Tadi's closet.



VOGUE 2004—Men's white button-down shirt. A wardrobe staple for him and her

From page C1

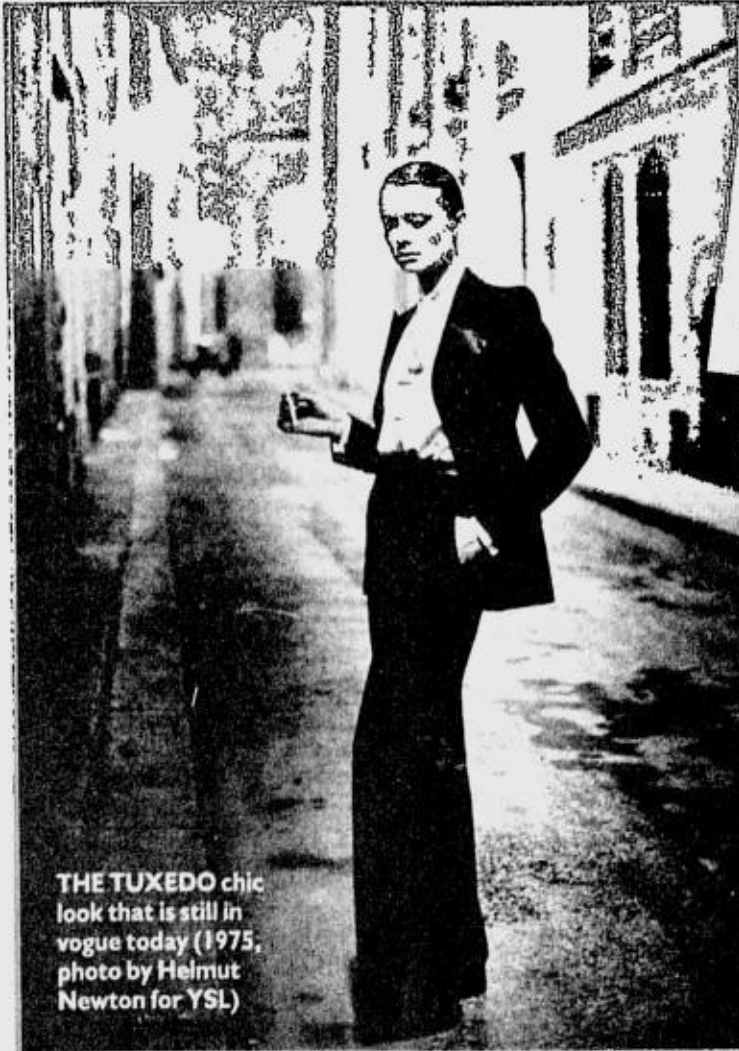
breaking mountains of luggage. What comes to mind about all well-dressed males and females is their attention to detail. My father was very particular about how his trousers were pressed. He also preferred a specific shade of blue for his clothes.

His wardrobe consisted of three basic colors: white, tan and light blue. Despite such a limited palette, the depth and breadth of his wardrobe was legendary. For example, his white shirt collection consisted of over 200 items made from the finest materials available in a variety of weights—from 100-percent Egyptian cotton to three-ply cashmere.

More importantly, like any true fashion blue blood, he knew how to accessorize. Hence, he always sported the perfect watch and had a shoe collection worthy of a museum.

Now the mainstays of a wardrobe like my father's have crossed over to the closets of the most fabulous females.

The suit, the core of a man's wardrobe, has been adopted, adapted and modified to flatter the female figure. Yes, even as the most recent Paris couture week harkened back to glamorous dressing, the suit lives on, fa-



THE TUXEDO chic look that is still in vogue today (1975, photo by Helmut Newton for YSL)



HARPER'S Bazaar November 2004, Nicole Kidman

avored by designers like Giorgio Armani and Chanel.

Celebrity style arbiters like Madonna and Nicole Kidman look fabulous suited and tied. Some Hollywood actresses became fashion icons through the masculine look. Katherine Hepburn cut a rather dashing figure in her trousers. Diane Keaton eschewed the slinky gown on Oscars night in favor of Ralph Lauren's morning tails, a shirt and a tie, and completed the look with a bowler and her trademark leather gloves.

This holiday season, check out a classic look that is practical, sexy and dramatic.

CDN Kids Rule#1: Real fun starts with real friends.

CDN KIDS
CANADIAN CLUB
Denim Rules FOR KIDS

Power



LOUIS Caparolis

and interesting details; Gucci, Roberto Cavalli, and Dolce & Gabbana for adding a lot of appeal into menswear.

What items of clothing do women wear that were initially inspired by menswear?

Joanna: Practically every component and accessory of a suit—jacket, trousers, shirt, vests, suspenders, etc.

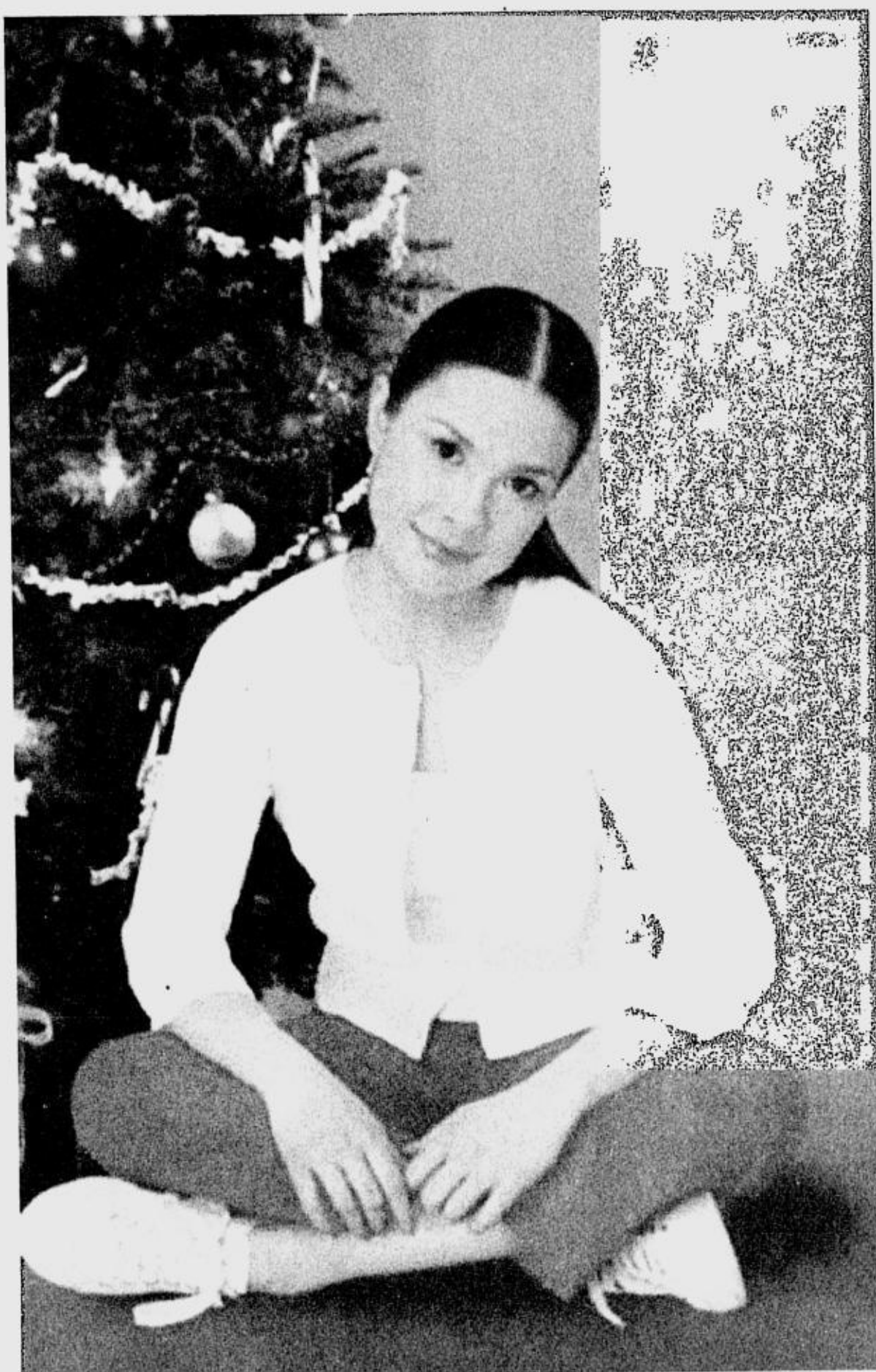
Joanna: Of course, pants! Also, tailored shirts, the classic polo shirts, sport shirts.

Joanna: Structured suits... Ties, the "wife beater," although we don't like to call it that name.



YOUR OWN RULES.

WHEN YOU CAN BE
ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD,



IT'S A PRIVILEGE
JUST TO BE HOME.

Globe PLATINUM *presents*
LEA SALONGA
HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
Araneta Coliseum, Dec. 8, 2004

15% ticket discount, exclusively
for Globe Platinum members.

Globe Platinum is proud to bring home the voice that captivated the world.
Just present your Globe Platinum card at TicketNet outlets to enjoy your
discount privilege. 5% surcharge for credit purchases. For inquiries, please call
TicketNet at 911-5555. Experience Platinum for real. Call 730-1000 to subscribe
to a Platinum Plan or G-Flex Platinum (P 5000, P 7000, or P 10,000 MSF).

Share holiday cheer with your callers, with Lea's ringback tones.

To activate your myGlobe Ringback, text <CODE> to 2332. Ex. Text RA107 to 2332. Each ringback is P30 for
30 days. Your myGlobe Ringback will be activated within 24 hours.

To listen to a myGlobe Ringback, text H <SPACE> <CODE> to 2332. Ex. Text H RA108 to 2332. You will receive
an SMS message prompt to call 2332. Each text request is P2.50. Calls to 2332 are P5/minute.

Christmas Songs

TITLES	Code	TITLES	Code
Grown up Christmas List	RA107	Sana Ngayong Pasko	RA111
Pasko Na Sinta Ko	RA108	Even Santa Fell In Love	RA112
The Gift	RA109	The Christmas Song	RA113
It's Just another New Year's Eve	RA110	Twelve Days of Christmas	RA114

Other Hits

TITLES	Code
Friend of Mine	RA115
Even If	RA116
I Remember the Boy	RA117
Can We Stop and Talk	RA118
Fallin'	RA119



making great things possible **Globe**
HANDYPHONE

Promo valid from December 1 to 8, 2004. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5890, Series 2004



FOCUS on red lips and nails, very subtle smoky eyes and natural blush

PHOTOS BY PAT DY

LIFESTYLEBeauty

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph
Text us your feedback: Inquirer life name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Complement your menswear with smashing hairdo and makeup



TYLER 2004 (Autumn-Winter Collection) tuxedo look in cream on Tessa Nieto and nylon trench coat on Joanne Kuhn



IVARLUSKI Aseron military uniform dress. Long waved hair to offset the minimalist starkness of suit. Hair and makeup by Peddy Acebo using L'Oreal Paris Fatal Rouge look, Autumn Winter 2004

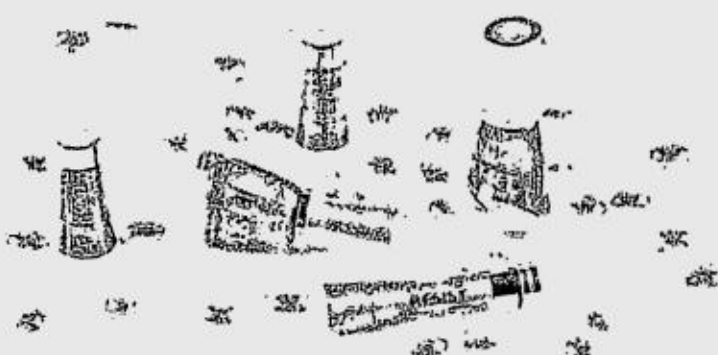
L'OREAL Paris creative director and makeup artist James Galiardos gives women tips on hair and makeup when wearing men's clothes so they don't end up looking more mannish than their men.

"Play with the elements of seduction—red lips, smoky eyes, waved hair," he says. "Revealing selected areas of skin refines everything to a very chic look."

For nighttime drama, he suggests focusing on the lips. "The eyes may be the windows of the soul, but this year it's all about those lips. For that femme fatale smile, dress lips in highly seductive reds and contrast them with eyes done in shimmering violets, shocking pinks or warm browns."

Eyes should be done subtly smoky, he adds, while cheekbones are highlighted in a natural way, leaving the mouth quite literally centerstage.

Be bold and brilliant with crystal shine color nail varnishes, he concludes.

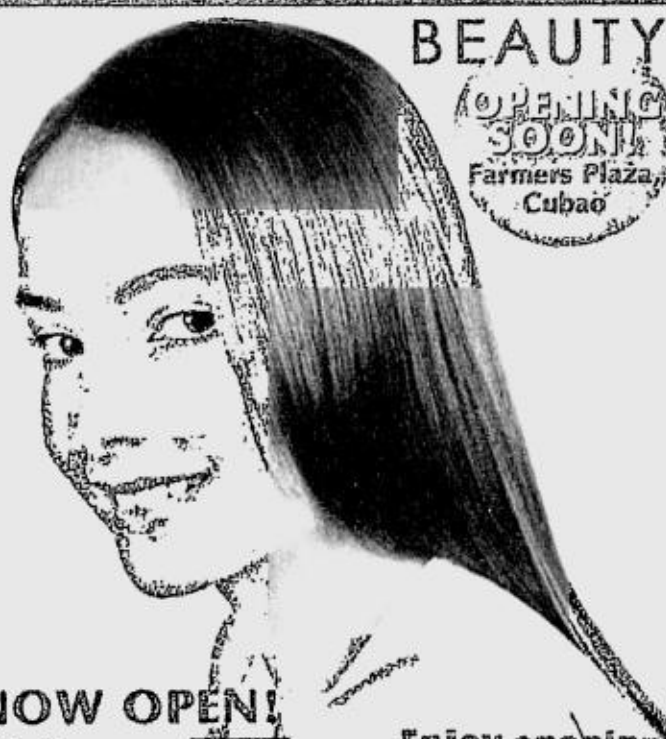


THE FATAL Rouge Collection: Glam Shine Fatal Red, Glam Shine Stylish Red, Jet Set Shine Fatal Red, Jet Set Shine Stylish Red and Color Resist Crystal Brown

straight from the experts



BEAUTY
OPENING SOON!
Farmers Plaza
Cubao



NOW OPEN!

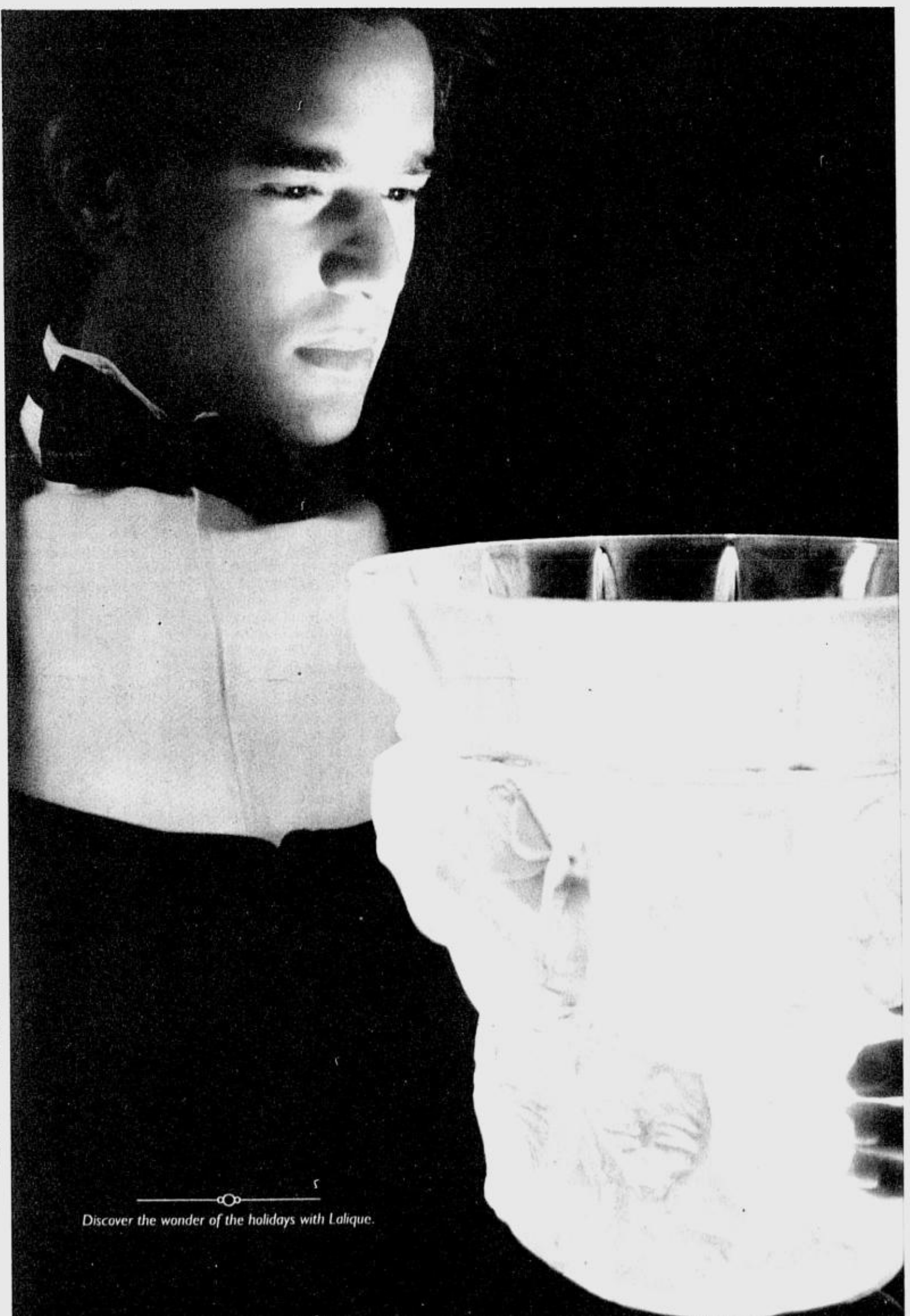


and



Enjoy opening discounts and instant membership to the Freshaire Club.

Per DTI Permit No. A2-493, Series of 2004
Per DTI-Batangas Permit No. 124, Series of 2004



Discover the wonder of the holidays with Lalique.

A Season of Grace
Rustan's

MAKATI • SHANGRI-LA PLAZA • ALABANG • HARRISON PLAZA • CUBAO • CEBU • ROBINSONS PLACE



BUSINESS magnates Bobby Cuenca and Fernando Zobel de Ayala



AT THE M Café after-party, Kitty Yoshida with the after-party host, Martin Wisniewski of M Café, and designer Kate Torralba



IN-DEMAND architect and interior designer Anton Mendoza and L'Oreal's Angelique Villaraza



GANG of three achievers. Carlo Pineda with Duty Free Phils.' Michael Kho and Carissa Coscolluela



AMONG the top bidders of the night were civic-oriented women Josephine del Gallego Knox and Evelyn Lim Forbes.

OLGA Azarcon of Diageo Phils., who provided us with all the drinks!



LOVE is a many-splendored thing. TV/movie star Ali Sotto and husband Omar Bsaies



BEAUTIFUL couple Louie and Jojo Ocampo



PHILIPPINE Tatler and Harrison Plaza's top woman Irene Martel-Francisco and renowned cardiologist Dr. Randy Francisco flanking one of the hostesses of the affair, Mons Romulo-Tantoco



NOKIA'S Joanne Racoma with super eye-catcher Raya Gonzalez



GARY Valenciano checks out the Hubtrons.



ORGANIZERS of the bazaar are seven dynamic, civic-minded women: Linda Villadelgado, project chair Fanny Blanco, president Celine Bautista; (standing) Pille Aquino, consul Fortune Ledesma, Chit Gohu and Lita Gelano

Cosmetics for a worthy cause

INTERNATIONALLY renowned Japanese makeup brand Shu Uemura launched its limited-edition Cleansing Oils by top-of-the-line artist Al Yamaguchi, known for her retro, yet modern style in painting.

The cosmetic brand seeks to combine the worlds of beauty, art and fashion. That is somehow reflected in the launch venue, the new Ayala Museum. Proceeds of the show will go to a worthy project to assist poor children.

Shu Uemura and the Center for Excellence in Public Elementary Education of the Ayala Foundation celebrated its first of a kind happening, to help further develop Centex's 1,000 children by exposing them to art.

Explaining the tie-up between Ayala and Uemura were Centex spokesperson Kitkat Zobel; director Carol Atacado; and Shu Uemura brand manager Tina Tinio.

The invitees enjoyed immensely the cocktail and food from the popular Zen Restaurant as we were all encouraged to bid for premium Shu Uemura and Yamaguchi works, as well as works done for Centex by top artists Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Mauro Malang and Romulo Galicano, no less, palanggas.

I started the bidding, and soon the price had gone over P15,000 for the Magsaysay-Ho ceramic plate and Yamaguchi lithograph, while Shu Uemura's soooft and gorgeous Makeup Brush was sold for over P20,000 from the original P8,000 starting bid. At the end of the night, Shu Uemura was able to raise over P100,000 for Centex. Not bad, huh!

During the after-party hosted by M Museum Café, moi zeroed in on L'Oreal Philippines' beautiful famille, led by its new, hot managing director, the tres-tres charmant David Ennes, radiant Leica Carpo, Angelique Villaraza and Celine Gabriel. Moi was also able to catch Shu Uemura's chief makeup artist, the eye-catching Southern gal Xeng Zulueta.

"Creativity Without Boundaries" was a night that merged artists, the fashion set, beauty enthusiasts and hotshot businessmen together. And hey, whether they dressed up or down, the goal was to help others.

Feast of cell phones

And the battle of the cell phones continues, palanggas, especially now that Christmas is around the corner. This time, the party pack and the executive sector were invited to a tres special dinner hosted by Globe Platinum, Nokia and Pepato restaurant at Greenbelt 2-Makati.

The chosen invitees feasted on the exquisite menu, courtesy of chef extraordinaire Margarita Fores, natch, that featured an eight-course meal of epicure meat and fish cuisine, drowned by excellent wines from Bacchus International.

Super hotshots—from Globe Telecom's Gerry Ablaza, Ferdz de la Cruz, Lizanne Uyachao, Manny Aligada and Nikki Santiago, to Nokia's Parikshit Bhasin—were present.

Namedroppables were there, such as Cesar Buenaventura, OV Espiritu, Paquito Dizon and Sen. Mar Roxas; the broadcast world's Korina Sanchez, Ces Drilon, Karen Davila, and Cory Quirino; businessman George Siy, entertainer Edu Manzano, ADB's Martin Tornberg and Karen Kelly and Omar Bsaies of the US Embassy.

Some of Manila's creamiest of the cream set were all tres visible, thanks to Mons Romulo Tantoco, glam gal Ching Cruz, pretty Berna Romulo-Puyat, best-dressed gal Sigalit Djemal; Firma's Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo; Alex Lichaytoo; gorgeous bag designer Bea Valdes; good-looking business achiever Archie Rodriguez; and gent for all seasons Raul Manzano.

They dug into the yummy dinner while enjoying cool jazz by tenor saxophonist Vince Lahorra.

ANC news anchor, super head-turner Pinky Webb, looking fab after a trip to Hawaii, emceed.

A special preview of the upcoming sleek Nokia 6260 and Nokia 9500 Communicator, was presented. The guests sampled the new Trons handsets, as Globe's tech-savvy spokesmodels helped everyone test the gadgets.

Charity bazaar

Would you believe another bazaar is about to

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



**Maurice
Arcache**

Photos by
Alex Van Hagen
on Kodak Max



HOTSHOT ladies. Centex's dedicated spokesperson Kitkat Zobel and Shu Uemura's brilliant brand manager Tina Tinio



BEAUTIFUL couple who cares. Chris Feist with his wife, Cocoon's talented designer Katrina Goulbourn



HIS and hers. L'Oreal Phils.' new managing director, David Ennes, and Kerastase's Tessa Dragon



SEN. Mar Roxas and Parikshit Bhasin



FROM ABS-CBN Publishing, Philip Cunjing



ENTREPRENEUR Karen Santos

take place? Only this one has imported apples to be given for free to the first 100 buyers and the rest will be on sale at P1 each.

The Venture 7 Christmas Bazaar will take place this Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel InterContinental, Makati, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Guests of honor will be Dr. Elenita Binay, spouse of Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, and Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia.

Organizers are seven dynamic business- and civic-minded women, namely Celine Bautista (president), Fanny Blanco (project chair) Linda Villadelgado, Lita Gelano, Fortune Ledesma, Pille Aquino and Chit Gohu. This group has been involved in many successful Christmas bazaars and fund-raising activities.

Most of the products of the bazaar participants are export overruns. Items range from imported ladies to children's wear, maids uniforms, kitchenware, Christmas decor and other items from Israel, Greece, Italy, China, Vietnam, Thailand and UK, no less, palanggas.

There will be a door prize every hour. The proceeds will go to the Mahaveer Foundation Inc. (which provides artificial legs to the disabled), Makabata Foundation and other charities.

Call 8439507 or 8193307.

Erratum:

In the wedding articles that came out in the Lifestyle section last month: the Ignacio-Limon nuptials and the Calleja-Ticzon nuptials, the photos were taken by Alex Van Hagen.



HIP achievers. Exotic beauty Bledes Fores, guapo Luis Terry, Pepato's Margarita Fores, Dream Bar's Ito Feliciano and top designer Rhett Eala

STYLE

Straight hair the easy way



BRITAIN'S popular celebrity hairstylist Lee Stafford has created a new hair care line that promises to tame frizzy, wavy, curly and fly-away hair into submission.

Stafford has made a name for himself as a hip, young grooming guru of sorts specializing in creative, cutting-edge looks. In true Lee Stafford style, his product range is nothing less than fashionably funky with its distinctive neon pink bottles and unique colorful bar-codes.

Poker Straight was created for those who want salon-straight tresses in a few easy steps. Poker Straight Shampoo and Conditioner gently cleanse and soften hair, and make a great prelude for further styling. The added Mega Quat helps flatten hair and leaves it shiny and smelling extra sweet.

Before blow-drying, Stafford recommends using Poker Straight glistening and straightening balm on wet, towel-dried hair. Just a little goes a long way in controlling fly-away hair.

For those who go for the added polish of a flat-iron look, spritz on Poker Straight Flat Iron Protective Shine Mist before going over each section of the hair with the iron. The added green tea extract provides extra protection against heat damage that can result from continued use of hair tools.

If the weather is wreaking havoc on your hair, fight back with Lee Stafford's Poker Straight Dehumidifier to stop hair from fluffing in cold weather and frizzing in tropical climates.

Lee Stafford is exclusively available at Essences.



JAO box set also includes Facial Moisture.

Moisturizing hand sanitizer

JAO Hand Refresher is the first anti-bacterial hand sanitizer and botanical cleanser in the market.

Unlike other hand sanitizers, it is enriched with aloe vera, lavender, eucalyptus, tea tree and other essential oils that soothe and soften skin. The moisturizer makes it a non-drying formula suitable even for a baby's delicate skin.

Jao may also be used as a makeup remover or astringent for acne-prone skin.

The product is also an anti-bacterial cleanser as it is alcohol-based. Studies indicate that alcohol-based hand sanitizers may reduce by as much as 59 percent the spread of germs that can cause flu and other illnesses.

Jao comes in handy 8-oz. and 4-oz. bottles, and convenient travel-size packets. It is exclusively available at Essences in Makati.

JAO Hand Refresher in handy 2 oz. bottle

Christmas gift of beauty

GIVE something different this Christmas.

David's Salon offers the gift of beauty this season with gift cards that will entitle the recipient to some of the services offered by the establishment—from facial spa treatments to the latest hair color styles.

The Gift Cards, priced at P200, P500 and P1,000, can be used for any of David's wide variety of beauty services in any of its 171 branches nationwide.

David's Salon founder David Charlton said the gift would help remind recipients to pamper and recharge themselves and be at their very best for the holidays.

The Gift Cards are available at all David's Salon branches. You may also call the head office at 8974247.

0% interest on beauty packages

CLARITY, the aesthetic and laser center, and the Bank of Philippine Islands (BPI) have teamed up to give clients an early Christmas present.

Avail of zero-percent interest on all Clarity services and packages by using your BPI credit card.

The offer will apply to a minimum transaction of P3,000 and a maximum of six monthly repayment terms. It covers all dermatological, surgical, dental and weight management services.

Visit Clarity's branches at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall (9104955), SM City North Edsa (9269235), and Robinsons Place Manila (5284547).

Friends Celebrate Beyond Compare.

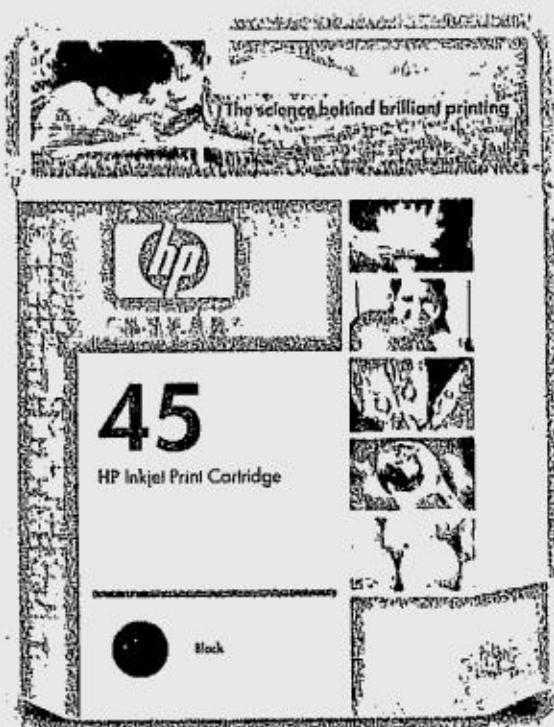
At Super Bowl of China dining is a super experience.

In fact, our servings are never meant for just one, they're specially prepared for family and friends. This is because we know that our food are not just meant to nourish the body, it must also nourish the soul.

Super Food. Super Service. Super Experience.

Serving A Super Experience!

• Jupiter St., Bel-Air, Makati City • SM Megamall Megastrip 5 • Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City • 3rd Level, Chops Avenue, Festival Supermall • SM City North Edsa, Q.C. • Eastwood Citywalk 2, Quezon City • SM City Fairview, Novaliches, Quezon City • Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City (Big Buddha)



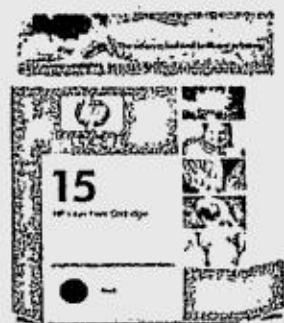
Watch our inks produce life-like prints.
Then watch the free movie that comes with them.

Not all inks are created equal. At HP, every cartridge, every nozzle, every drop of ink is a result of countless hours of research and development. Only original HP inkjet print cartridges are designed to give you a great printing experience. And from November 15, 2004 to February 15, 2005, get your very own DVD movie when you purchase an original HP 45 Inkjet Print Cartridge at all authorized dealers nationwide.

Original HP print cartridges. The science behind brilliant printing.



HP 45 INKJET
PRINT CARTRIDGE



HP 15 INKJET
PRINT CARTRIDGE



HP 27 INKJET
PRINT CARTRIDGE



HP 56 INKJET
PRINT CARTRIDGE

Get a DVD movie
when you buy HP 45
Inkjet Print Cartridge



Get a VCD movie
when you buy HP 15, 27 or
56 Inkjet Print Cartridge



Pat. DTH-NCR Permit No. 6216, Series of 2004

**Buy original HP print
cartridges and you get major
savings, major peace of mind
and a major blockbuster.**

See flyers for more details.

CALL

**(632) 867-3557
Toll-free 1-800-1441-6688**

EMAIL

ph.contact@hp.com

VISIT

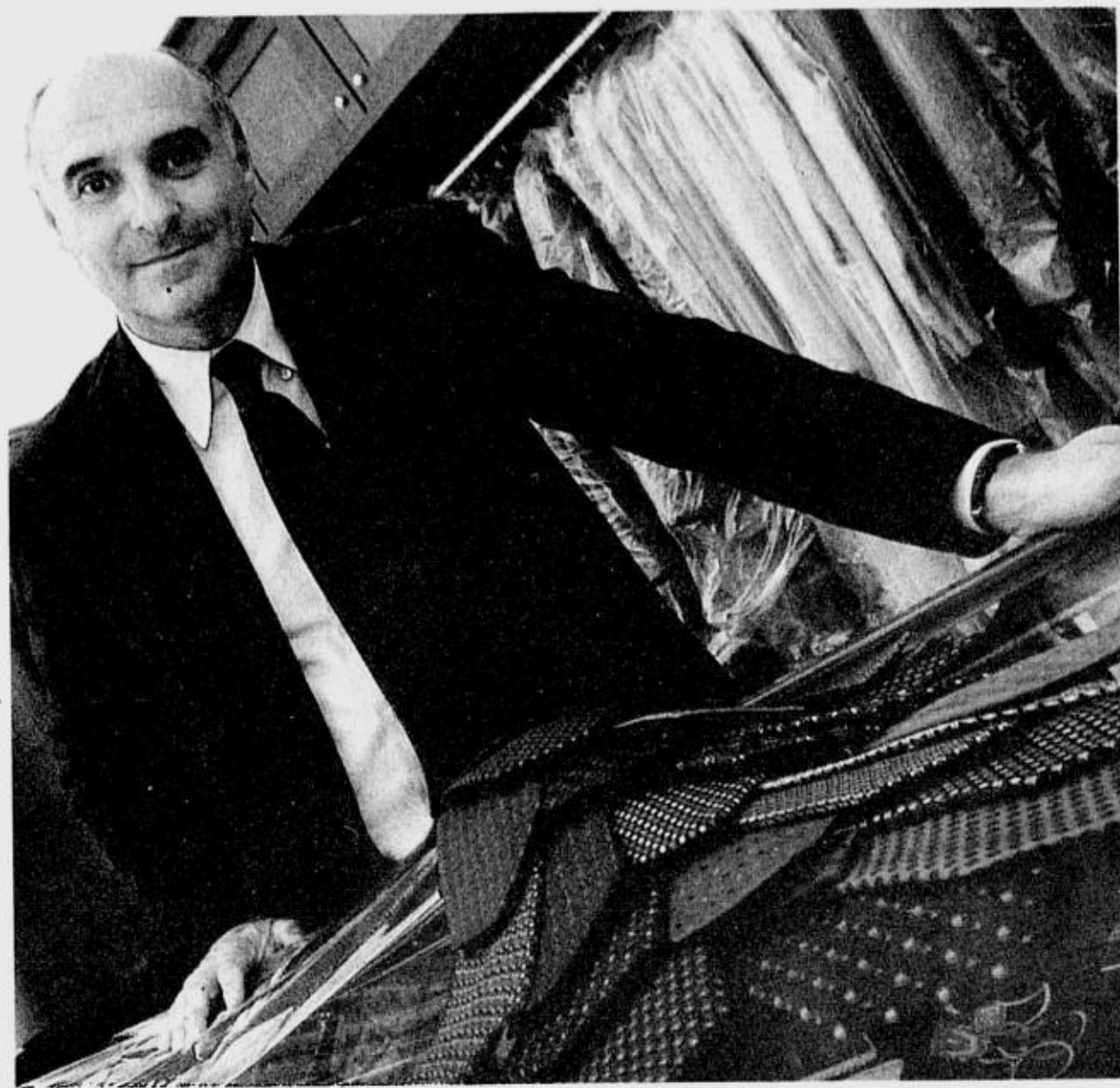
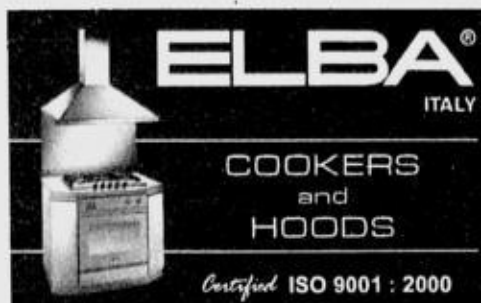
your local HP retailer



invent

©2004 Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. Layout and design ©2004 Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment. All Rights Reserved. The HP Contact Center is available Mondays thru Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To report HP Inkjet print cartridge fraud, call the anti-counterfeit hotline at 1-800-1888-5943.

LIFESTYLE

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.phText us your feedback:
Inquirer life name/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

ITALIAN tie designer Maurizio Marinella poses in his shop in Naples. Three generations of tie designers—Eugenio, Luigi and Maurizio Marinella—still seduce important political and cultural figures such as John Kennedy, Bill Clinton, Luchino Visconti and Aristotle Onassis after 90 years in the business.

Emperor of ties

NAPLES, Italy—What do John F. Kennedy, Jacques Chirac and Mikhail Gorbachev have in common? Ask the Marinella family, who have been creating neckties for the rich and famous for the last 90 years.

The family's products have adorned the necks of politicians, noblemen, tycoons, artists and poets. A new book will shortly show the world what a Marinella tie looks like, with the proceeds going to charity.

Who's who

Both Republican Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, and their Democratic counterparts John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton have been clients. Closer to home, French Presidents François Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac, and Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev have sported Marinella products.

The business is now run by founder Eugenio Marinella's grandson Maurizio, who says the secret of success lies in the fact that there is only one tie and accessories shop in Naples deeply rooted in the culture of the city.

"All our clients come to Naples," said Maurizio who, like his grandfather and father Lui-

"Thanks to the knot, one can understand a great deal about

someone's personality, mood and soul'

gi, started at an early age in the business.

"We don't take orders over the Internet or by post. We refuse all this new technology. In the same way we don't advertise. We are known by word of mouth."

The Agnelli family of Fiat fame, Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, the American Rockefellers, poet Gabriele d'Annunzio and film-maker Luchino Visconti have all been clients.

Wealth of ideas

The business overlooking the bay of Naples was founded by Eugenio in 1914. He was not

EMPEROR/E3



For discounts, freebies, perks and fun.



With More
Hair From
Svenson,

You'd Look Great This Christmas!

When you go to your Christmas gatherings, expect people to say how much better you look now. That's because you won't be sporting your usual bald appearance anymore. You'll enjoy the confidence of having more hair from Svenson International with Non-Surgical Hair Integration Method. It looks and feels exactly like your own and blends in perfectly with your remaining hair. No one can tell the difference!

Don't stay bald. Look great this Christmas with a full head of hair from Svenson. Call us today for a FREE hair and scalp check-up.

Svenson
INTERNATIONAL
YOUR CHOICE NOT TO BE BALD

CALL 892-HAIR (4247)

MAKATI 15/F GT Tower QUEZON CITY 4/F Cedar Exec. Bldg. BINONDO 11/F Federal Tower Bldg. ALABANG 4/F Citibank-Frabelle Bldg. CEBU TEL: 234-0851 7/F Keppel Centre

Rustan Fresh

SUPERMARKETS



9th Anniversary Blitz

December 4, 2004

SATURDAY - ONE DAY ONLY

AT MAKATI • SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL • ROCKWELL • GATEWAY MALL • HARRISON PLAZA

As our way of saying "thank you" for making FSP a part of your supermarketing lifestyle, we're taking the celebration to the ultimate level by letting you enjoy all these exciting perks...



DOUBLE FSP POINTS for all FSP Cardholders!



Rustan Supermarkets Gift Packs for a minimum P5,000 (single-receipt) purchase!



Fresh Gift Packs for a minimum P1,500 (single-receipt) purchase of Fresh items! (Fresh includes bakery, seafood, dairy, deli, produce, and meat products)



20% Off on all items at the Rustan's Flower Shop at Rustan's Department Store Makati, Alabang and Shangri-La Plaza!



10% Off at Bon Appetit Patisserie and Café! (Buffet excluded)



DOUBLE SPINS on the "JUMBO HOLIDAY JACKPOT" Machine and double Raffle Coupons for all FSP Members



Your chance to win in the Raffle for every P500 purchase!

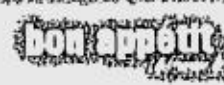
1st Prize - RSI Gift Certificate worth P25,000
2nd Prize - RSI Gift Certificate worth P15,000
3rd Prize - RSI Gift Certificate worth P10,000



FREE Fresh Magazine premier issue for FSP Cardholders! (1 copy per cardholder)



10% Off at Yum Yum Tree Coffeshop (Buffet excluded)





BRAD in hooded sweater, long-sleeved knit shirt and cream/brown cap with piping



TJ in striped satin long-sleeved, black leather jacket, suit (blazer not worn), printed necktie and black leather bag. Brad in striped long-sleeved, black leather jacket, poplin cotton trousers and black messenger bag



CAMOUFLAGE jacket with piping, classic long-sleeved checkered and blue shirt



FULL zipped knitted sweater, vertical-cut tee, polo pique and jeans

Young urbanites spring for flexible styles

TWO of today's heartthrobs dress up like the young urbanites that they are with the help of Springfield, the popular Spanish brand.

Brad Turvey says he likes things simple, including his fashion style. He prefers clothes that are comfortable but also stylish. He goes for the basics—good fit, solid colors, a combination of casual and formal wear.

"Magandang Umaga Bayan" host TJ Manotoc likes pieces that he can mix and match, giving him flexibility in his wardrobe. He likes cool and comfortable, easy, good quality, and affordable clothes.

For both, Springfield, the brand for the urban male, has become the choice as it combines style, functionality and comfort.

Turvey says he can't live without cap, jeans, t-shirt, dress shirt, and rubber shoes. Manotoc adds shorts to the list. Since they wear these items everyday, they put a premium on durability and comfort.

For its Fall/Winter collection, Springfield has come up with three lines inspired by today's multifaceted man.

University and college wear include rugby t-shirts, sport jackets, ribbed and oxford shirts, sweat shirts, denims, cotton trousers, and sport rubber-soled shoes. A splash of colors complements basic nude, black and whites. Rich greens and yellows and reds and blues add spirit. Key pieces include open funnel neck shirts, knit shirts with nylon and polyester, striped jackets and corduroys.

Turvey says he likes the hooded sweaters, body bags, denims and jackets.

The Grunge look, on the other hand, has a washed and worn-out finish. Key pieces include poplin shirts, natural leather jackets, denim and cotton trousers, multi-prints, and parkas. Muted hues are blended with orange, red and golden yellow. Checks are also making a big comeback, with stripes not far behind.

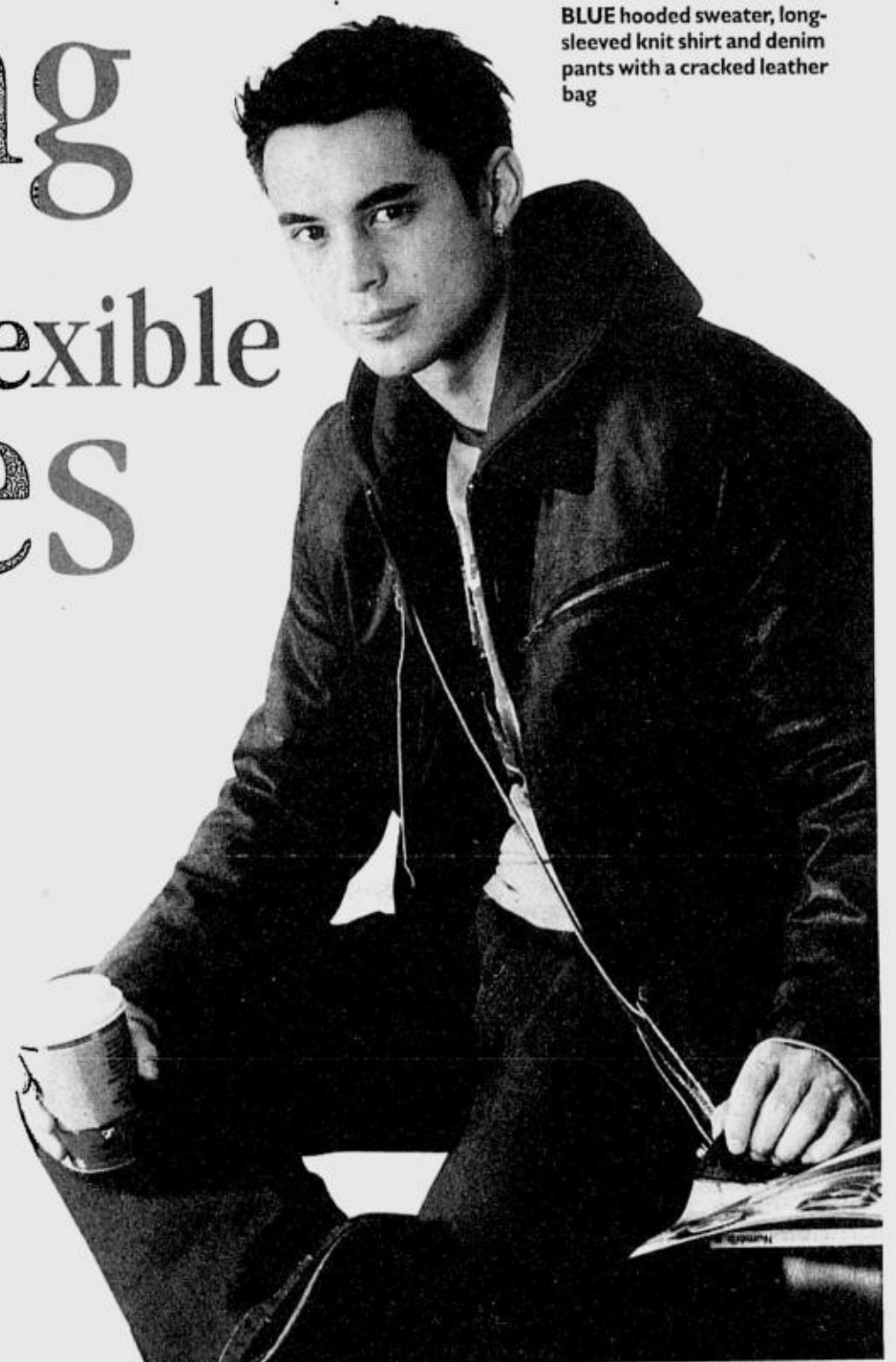
Manotoc goes for cargo pants, sling bags, short- and long-sleeved polos, round neck shirts, jeans and jackets that complement

his lifestyle.

More reserved and elegant, the City look has a range of pin-striped jackets, motorcycle jackets, suits, dress shirts, and an assortment of geometric, floral and psychedelic ties. The look is more urban with black, white, gray and ice dominating the palette.

Graffiti shirts complement the structured blazers. Knitwear is accented with metallic snaps, shirts are blended with technical fabrication, and silhouettes are narrower.

Springfield is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc. and located at Greenbelt 3, Rockwell Powerplant Mall, Rustan's Makati, Robinson's Place Manila and SM Megamall.



BLUE hooded sweater, long-sleeved knit shirt and denim pants with a cracked leather bag



BRAD in long-sleeved checkered, printed green long sleeve knit shirt, beige sport trouser and red cap with piping; TJ in long-sleeved brown checkered shirt, long-sleeved knit shirt and canvas jacket



TJ in blue hooded sweater, white short-sleeved knit shirt, navy-blue trousers and white/red overnight bag and red cap. Brad in zip-up knitted sweater, round-neck tee, beige cotton trousers and red overnight bag



CLASSIC long-sleeved checkered and blue shirt



Macho twists

THE LATEST collection from Greyhound features bold new colors as well as basic black, white and olive with attitude. Stylish twists include macho florals and two-toned shirts.

In the Philippines, Greyhound is located at Level 3, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati City.

MODEL: ZAN JOE MARUDO
STYLING: KAREN PASCUAL
PHOTOS: PATRICK UY
SHOT ON LOCATION ON BOARD THE SUPERSTAR VIRGO



ZAN JOE in olive Army brat polo (P3,995) and pants (P3,495)

FLOWER power never looked this good or this manly. White/brown flowered polo shirt (P3,795), pants (P3,495)



OLIVE TWIST. A spot of olive on the collar livens up an otherwise plain white shirt. Shirt (P3,795), black pants (P3,495)



BLACK and white is all right. Zanjoe in black shirt with white collar (P2,995) and pin-striped pants (P3,495)

Emperor...

From page E1

rich but he had a wealth of ideas. Now, a Marinella tie is as Neapolitan as pizza or "O Sole Mio."

"A Marinella tie is not a fashion item: it's something that lasts forever," said Neapolitan writer Luciano de Crescenzo.

"We open every day at 6:30 a.m. so customers can come before the pressure of work," said Maurizio, who insists his 13 staff "be of good character, cheerful and optimistic."

The knot

The 90th anniversary book will be made up of black and white photographs, taken by Fredy Marcarini, of the knots of 50 ties created for international political, industrial, artistic and show business celebrities.

"Thanks to the knot one can understand a great deal about someone's personality, mood and soul," said Maurizio.

"You could almost say, 'Tell me how you knot your tie and I'll tell you who you are,'" he said.

He has no prejudice about color or style, large or small size, silk or cashmere. But the customer will need 90 euros (US\$115) if he wants to leave the shop with one.

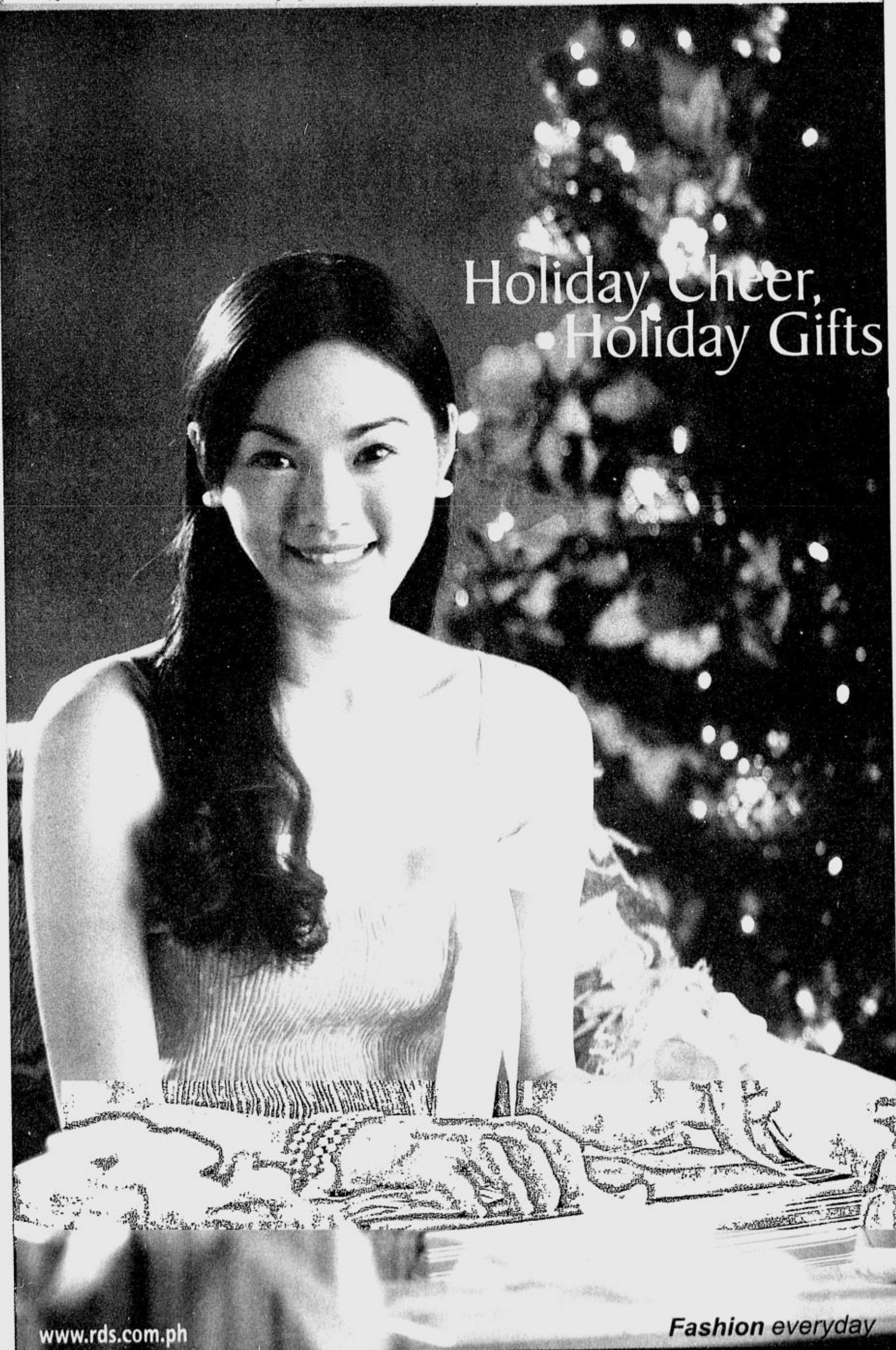
"My dream used to be to open a shop in Paris like the one in Naples," he said.

"I found a place opposite the Georges V hotel (off the Champs Elysées) I wanted to buy but the owners didn't want to sell. So the hotel offered me a small space to establish a presence and we sell 50 ties a month there."

He also has a showroom in Milan in the north of Italy but has resisted plans to expand, preferring to remain "the king of ties in Naples."

AFP

Robinsons Department Store



Holiday Cheer,
Holiday Gifts

www.rds.com.ph

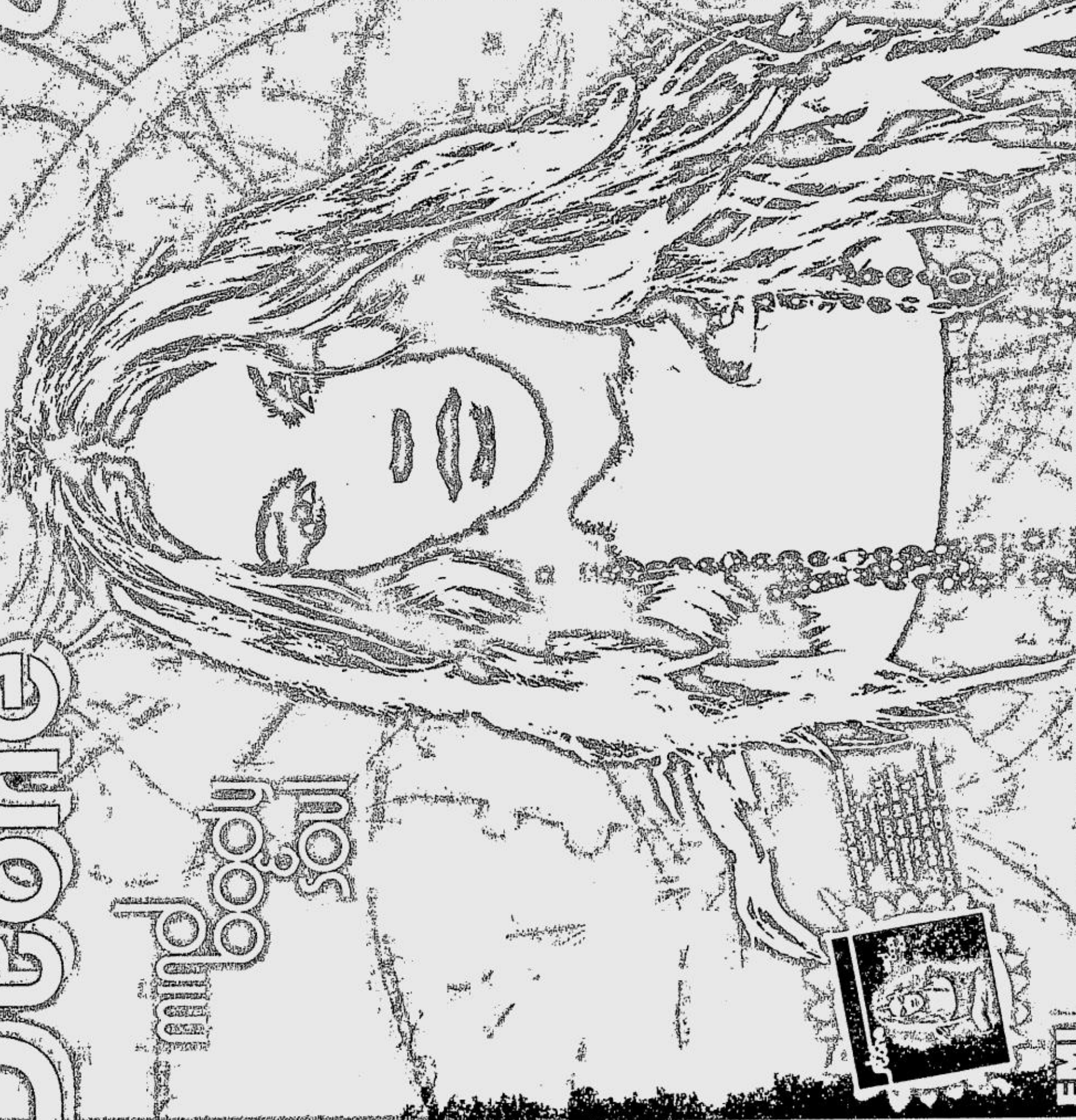
Fashion everyday

Robinsons Galleria Flagship Store

Robinsons Malls | Waltermart Malls | Tutuban Center | Starmall Shaw | Metropolis Star Alabang | Festival Mall Alabang | Nepo Mall Pampanga

Stone

mind
bood
soul



Labo mo
Sagot ng

BEONGAW

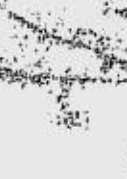
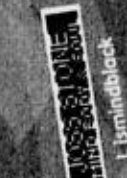
Follow me on
my globe

Next Hotline to 2346 for the
chance to win P1,000,000!



JOSS STONE
COOL SONGTIME
EA037 Love Duet
EA135 You Had Me
EA136 Dirty Man
EA144 I Fell In Love With A Boy

OTHER HOT HITS	ARTIST
EA179 In My Place	Coldplay
EA003 Yellow	Coldplay
EA120 Panic	Coldplay
EA121 The Scientist	Coldplay
EA122 God Put A Smile	Coldplay
EA141 Upon Your Face	Coldplay
EA141 Clocks	Coldplay
EA123 The Tide Is High	Atomic Kitten
EA124 Whole Again	Atomic Kitten
EA001 Be With You	Atomic Kitten
EA125 The Last Goodbye	Atomic Kitten
EA126 Ladies Night	Atomic Kitten
EA131 Eternal Flame	Atomic Kitten
EA127 If You Come Back	Blue
EA128 One Love	Blue
EA129 Sorry Seems To	Blue
EA130 Be The Hardest	Blue
EA038 Guilty	Blue
EA130 Fly By II	Blue
EA133 Signed, Sealed,	Blue
EA134 Delivered	Blue
EA135 Too Close	Blue
EA136 All For You	Janet Jackson
EA137 Love At First Sight	Janet Jackson
EA138 Skow	Kyle
EA139 In Your Eyes	Kyle
EA140 Feel It Boy	Beanie Man
EA007 It's Raining Men	Gerri Halliwell
EA137 Waves	Margaret Fair
EA060 Milkshake	Kelis
EA043 Right Thurr	Chingy



keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

keyword
felinlove
victim
dirtyman
4dloveofu
youthadme
chokinkind

Text the <code> to 2332.
Ex. Text EA034.

Or go to the myGlobe WAP site.
Under What's Hot, click on
myGlobe Ringback

Rate: P 10 for 30 days
*Ringback downloads are not part of
the promo.

To download Joss Stone icons, text cards and
colored wallpaper, text the <keywords> to 2346
Ex. W mindinwhite to 2346
For Ringtone: Text N <keywords> to 2346
Ex. Text N fellinlove
For Polytone: Text P <keywords> to 2346
Ex. Text P fellinlove

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

Rate per download:
P15.00 for icons, text cards and ringtone
P20.00 for colored wallpaper and polytone

LIFE STYLE Beauty

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.phText us your feedback:
Inquirer life name/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)You can now get the
'Bridget Jones' lookRENÉE Zellweger
as Bridget Jones

WHILE watching "Titanic," I wanted to find out what foundation Kate Winslet used. It turned out it was Max Factor's Lasting Performance in Champagne.

MAKEOVER
911

Kinny Salas

Max Factor (MF) has done it for me again after I saw the "Bridget Jones" trailer. I was thrilled when MF sent me the same foundation and mascara shade Renée Zellweger used. It sent me the same lipstick line but in a different shade.

The foundation is from the new Color Adapt line and the shade used on Renée was Natural. The line comes in shades that go sheer, covering a wide range of skin tones.

Renée's mascara was More Lashes Waterproof in Black, which really stayed put during her scene at the sea.

Two different shades of Lipfinity Everlites were used: Tickled, a beige pink for day; and Alluring, a deeper plum shade for evening. Honestly, I was never a fan of the original Lipfinity line as it left my lips as dry as biscotti. Everlites leaves a sheer glossy finish that lasts longer than any gloss I know of. Till the time it fades there is no chapping or grainy feel. That's saying a lot as I have the driest lips around.

The lip shades didn't give me the same effect as the ones Renée used though due to our obvious difference in coloring. I found that effect with the shade Cherish (mauve rose) instead.

Other Renée colors: for day—Natural Satin Blush in Naturelle, Inca Bronze and Almond eyeshadow; for evening—Midnight Mauve Blush and Stormy Blue Earth Spirits eyeshadow.

Did you know that the entire cast of "The Stepford Wives" used Shu Uemura?

Lara Flynn Boyle as Serleena in "Men in Black II" used Shu Uemura makeup as well.

Shu Uemura's new line for Fall/Winter is called "Chic and Rouge Christmas."

My favorite picks: Sweet Lip gloss in Jasmine Gold and Amber Gold at P895 each.

The latter can be worn alone by most as it has a reddish tinge while Jasmine gold is best on top of lipstick or can only be worn alone successfully by one who is tanned for that sexy golden pout.

The limited-edition lipstick 135 is in gorgeous pink with pearly gold; it has Chinese embroidery design on the cover, for P1,225.

The eyeshadow palette in Brilliant Glow (golden brown and bright yellow) costs P2,400. Instead of blush, the line uses Luster Gold Powder, P2,175, for a golden glow on the face and body, giving the illusion of smooth perfection.

Last but not the least is the Brush Set worth P5,750, which has four travel size brushes: cheek, eye shadow, eyeliner brush and eyebrow in a beautiful leather pouch.

My foundation is the new Water Perfect Liquid for that dewy sexy look.

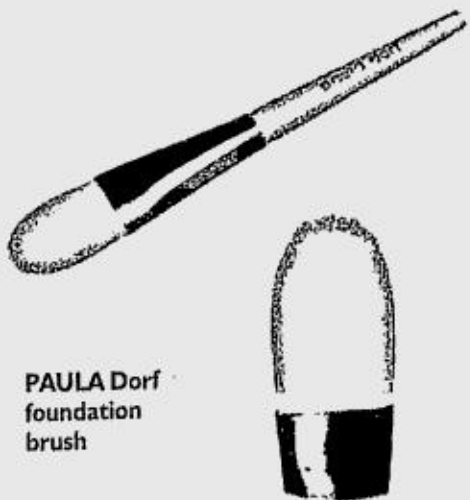
Budget cosmetics for the young

I have not forgotten my younger readers on a budget. I have a bias toward Japanese brands, especially when it comes to foundation, powder and concealer.

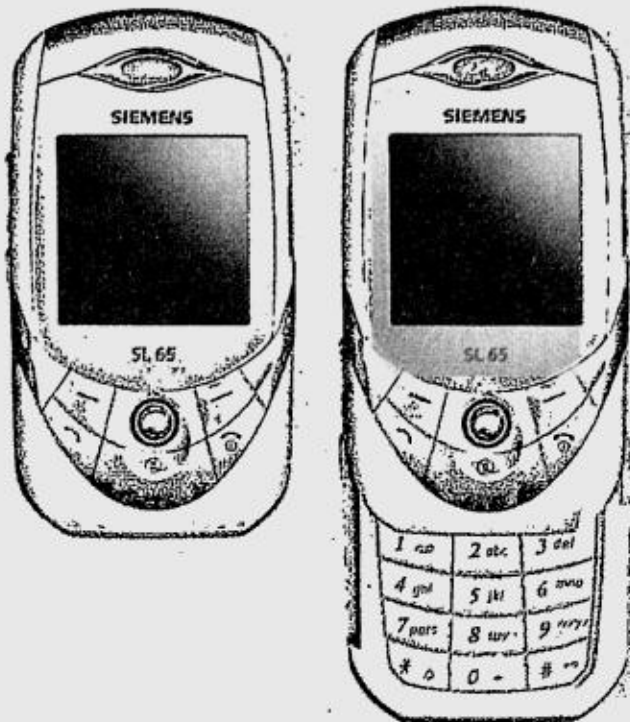
Today's teens are lucky because Kose, the company that made Awake and Sekki Sei, are considerate enough to make the Pasio line: quality skin-care and makeup to suit a teen's needs.

I highly recommend the Fit and Stay foundation in liquid, P425, and powder; P495, which is

YOU/ F4

PAULA Dorf
foundation
brush

WHAT'S NEW



AN EXCLUSIVE

SL65

EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE

EXCLUSIVE



S65

- 1.3 Megapixel Camera with 4x digital zoom
- Bundled with a 32MB Reduced Size Multimedia Card
- Bluetooth® technology, Triband, MMS, GPRS, Java™
- 132 x 176 Pixels, 65K TFT Color Display with Video Capturing and Messaging



M65

- Water, Dust & Shock Resistant (Protective real metal frame and rubber sealing)
- Integrated VGA Photo & Video Camera, 5x digital zoom with 10MB memory capacity
- 13cm² Extra large, 65K Hi-resolution TFT Color Display with 3D Gaming
- Triband, MMS, GPRS, Java™



CX65

- 13cm² Extra-large, 65K TFT color display with 3D Gaming
- Integrated VGA Photo and Video Camera, 5x digital zoom with 10MB memory capacity
- Photo application (photo editor)
- Triband, MMS, GPRS, Java™



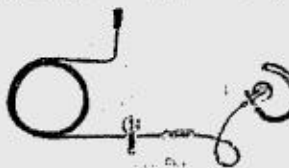
C65

- Photopoint, a cute character living inside your phone
- Integrated Photo Camera, 5x digital zoom with 5MB memory capacity
- Hi-resolution, 65K color display
- Triband, MMS, GPRS, Java™

Call Siemens Mobile Customer Care Line at 757-1118 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, Mondays to Fridays and 8:30 am to 12:00 nn on Saturdays. You can also call the Siemens Mobile Concept Shop at 920-9158 or 752-8545 or e-mail mobilecare@siemens.com.ph for inquiries. For dealer inquiries, please call Haldane Phils. at 521-1111.

SIEMENS

FREE

Purestyle
Headset

OR

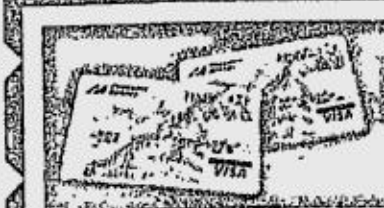
CarCharger
Plus

with every purchase of any 65-series SIEMENS mobile phone from authorized dealers

AUTHORIZED DEALERS: SEMICON, ADI TELECOM, BSD INTERNATIONAL, E-PHONE/EXCELL, GLOBOTEL, GRAPHIC ALL-IN STORES, HELLO TELECOM, JUNREX, MEGACELLULAR NETWORK, INC., MEMOEXPRESS, ONLINE TELECOMS, POS MARKETING, QUICKCOM, SELECTRONICS, INC., TOPWIN TELECOM TRADING, INC., WELCOM TELECOM, WIRELESS CONNECTION, WILTECOM.

PROMO RUNS: November 20 - December 31, 2004

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 5598, Series of 2004



GUSTO MO NA BANG LUMPAD?

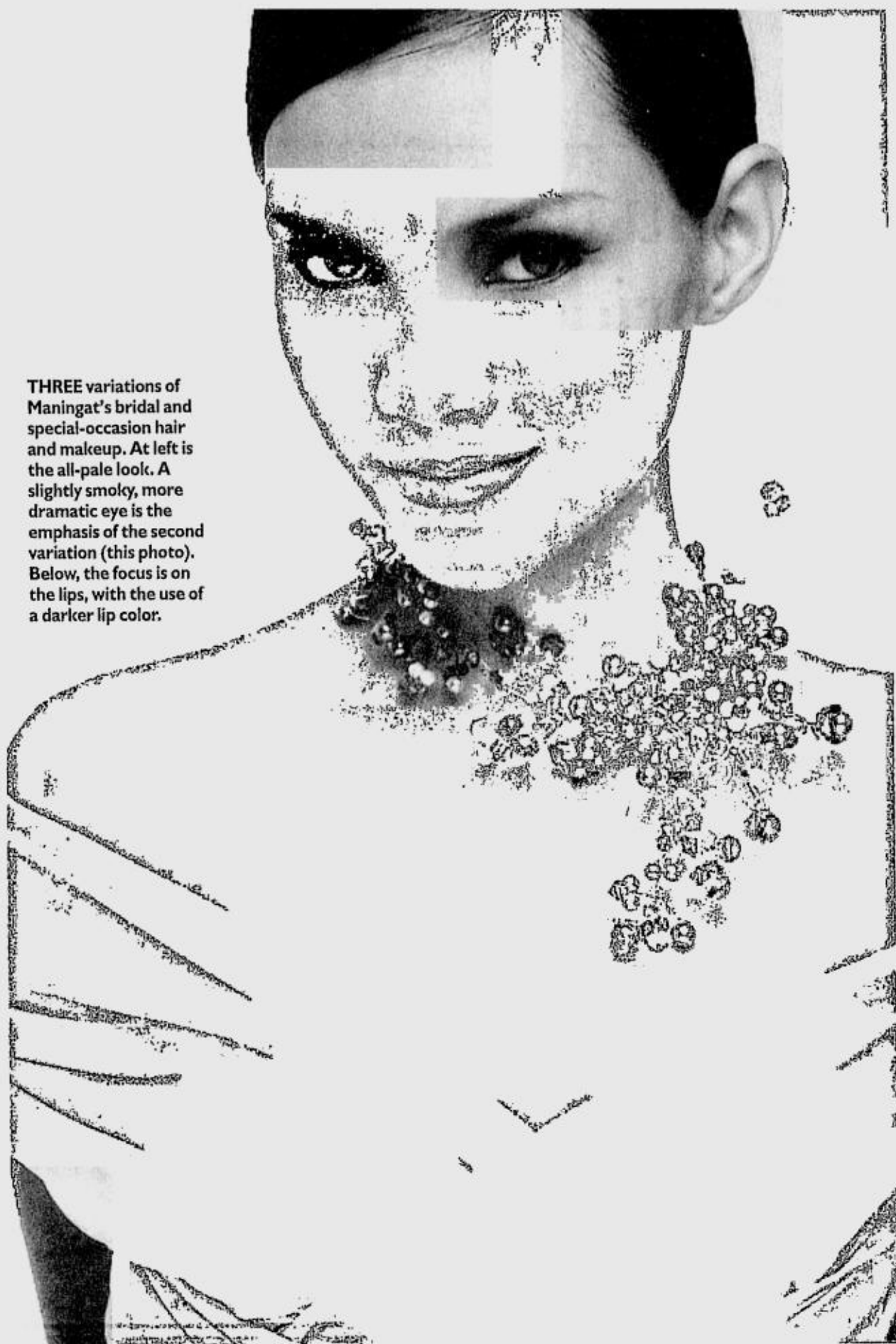
Earn Miles on every day purchases with American Express

Call 751-8000 to apply.

HSBC The world's local bank



THREE variations of Maningat's bridal and special-occasion hair and makeup. At left is the all-pale look. A slightly smoky, more dramatic eye is the emphasis of the second variation (this photo). Below, the focus is on the lips, with the use of a darker lip color.



A nomad comes home

By Cheche V. Moral

HE'S finally found a home where everyone's welcome to visit.

Brilliant hair and makeup artist Eric Maningat, after spending 19 years of nomadic professional journey, has decided to park his makeup brushes—and in one very tony address, at that.

"He came highly recommended," says Yvette Ilagan, owner of Studio 546 (5/L Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City; tel. 6383956/3954). "[Photographer] Claudine Sia said he's very professional and very good. He was already well known, but I didn't know him that well, though he used to do my makeup. But I was assured I won't have problems with him."

In August, Ilagan and her siblings launched Studio 546, with Maningat as artistic director. Maningat is at the helm of an 18-member staff.

"I'm very happy I've found a home," Maningat says in Filipino. "When I was still in Cavite, I felt like my life was going nowhere. So I began working freelance. The problem was, I had to do everything, including negotiating with clients. Now a secretary does that for me."

As an added bonus—and responsibility—Maningat was named VP for marketing of Trendset Corp., the company that operates Studio 546. "What they (salon owners) offered me was very good, so I said yes," he explains.

Collaborations

Maningat's modest beginnings started in Bacoor, Cavite, where he was a neighborhood beautician for 12 years. After closing shop, he spent the next seven years running around like a headless chicken, doing the runway, editorial and advertising circuits as a freelance stylist.

Little by little, he made his name, working with known figures such as makeup artist Patrick Rosas, photographers Wig Tysmans, Jun de Leon and Neil Oshima, and designers Inno Sotto, Rajo Laurel. He's done his magic on the countless pretty faces that have graced billboards, magazines and newspaper pages.



Hair and
makeup artist
Eric Maningat
joins Studio 546



In the fashion scene, Maningat is known for his speed and deft, his unassuming manner belying his exceptional talent.

Maningat admits he's actually become busier the past three months because, in addition to his work in the salon, he still does the usual rounds of the runways and fashion editorials. He's still in-demand for weddings and special occasions. "The good thing is that, my schedule goes through the salon now. I no longer have to bargain with clients."

Though his freelance work was lucrative, as he had his own loyal A-list clientele, Maningat says, deep within, he was searching for a permanent venue where he could truly hone his craft.

Deluxe service

Studio 546 is for men and women who are looking for deluxe salon service, according to Ilagan. As first-time salon owners, Ilagan and her siblings wanted a shop that's not only service-oriented but also has an already respected name in the hair-and-makeup scene, thus its artistic director.

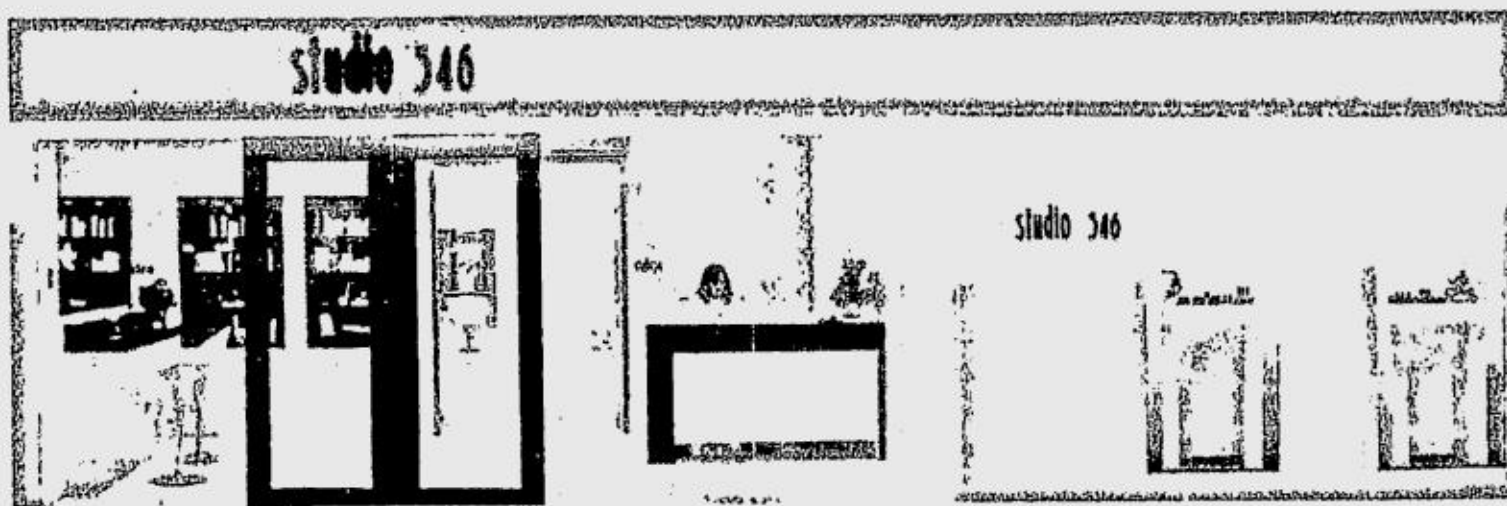
Ilagan, with the help of an architect, is responsible for the salon's classy all-white interiors. She wanted a very modern "but not cold" look. To offset the starkness of the shop, she added soft, billowy curtains, also in white. Potted plants and cut fresh flowers are added as accents. "I didn't want it to look intimidating. It had to be welcoming. You don't have to be someone famous to get a deluxe service."

Given the added perks of their services—back rub with your haircut; cold towel over the eyes while getting shampooed—the owner says their rates are very competitive. A haircut with the junior stylist, for instance, is P400. A haircut by Maningat is the most expensive at P700, several hundreds lower than other stylists his stature.

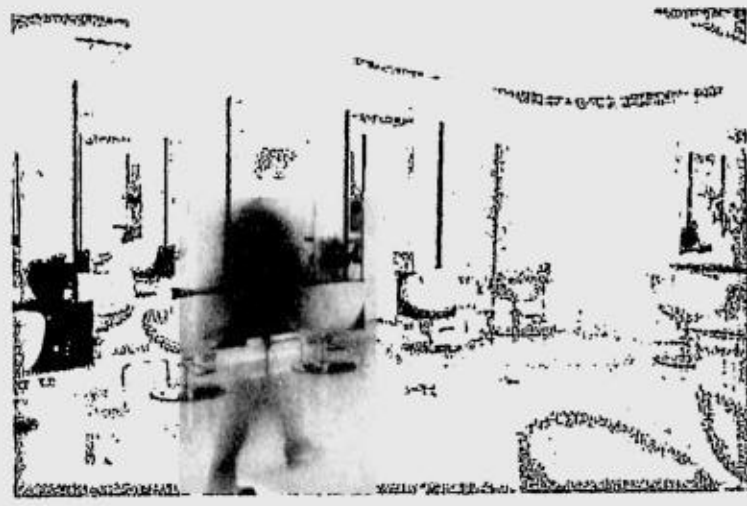
"Many people don't know that I cut hair," he says. "I cut hair for 12 years before I started doing hair and makeup."

Maningat studied at Slim's in the '80s. He also worked and trained in Hong Kong's Salon de Orient. He learned makeup from Shiseido.

E-mail the author at cmoral@inquirer.com.ph



THE STARK white, ultra-modern Studio 546 on the fifth level of Shangri-La Plaza Mall



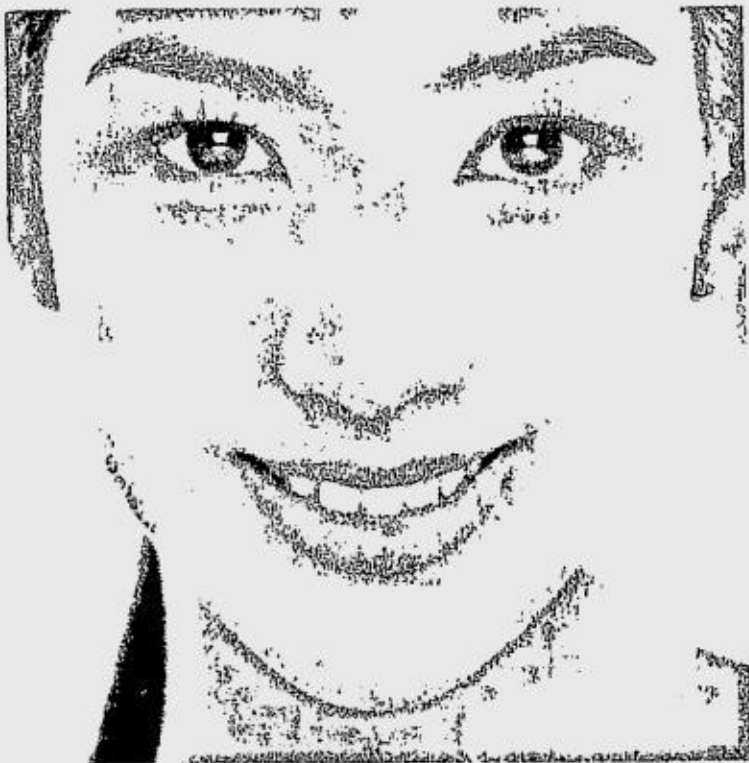
Go for metro glamour this season

CREATE a bit of drama for the holidays with Red Earth's Metro Glamour line.

Spice up your usual clean and classic look with two new products from Red Earth—3-in-1 Eye Pen and UV Protection Lip Tint—with the help of makeup artist Barbie Chan.



THE LIP tint's unique mixture of polymer gives a soft and creamy texture to the lips.



MIKAELA Lagdameo's makeup by Barbie Chan of Salon Paradiso

UV Protection Lip Tint is the quickest way to have a sexy pout. The moisture-packed product has four luscious shades of Pink Amazement, Nude Illusion, Magenta Marvel and Sienna Surprise. The lip tint contains orange flower oil, honey and almond oil that heal chapped lips and maintain softness. Its unique mixture of polymer gives a soft and creamy texture to the lips.

With SPF 15, it protects against and prevents premature wrinkling.

Chan recommends using the lip tints to brighten up your daytime look. A generous amount gives lips a healthy sheen.

The 3-in-1 Eye Pen complements the lip tint with its subtle shades of yellow, brown and orange for a gorgeous glow. The retractable eyeliner, eyeshadow cartridges

and eyebrow/lash brush allows easy definition and redesigning of the eye contour.

The long-lasting, creamy eye shadows glide on smoothly and provide a sheer touch of color. Use the versatile eyeliner to create a bold line around the eyes or smudge it softly for a subtle effect.

Chan suggests the use of color instead of

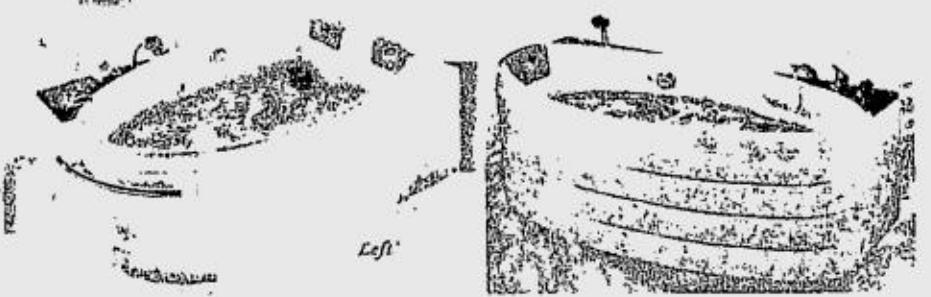
the usual black for a soft but striking smoky eyes. Olive shade, for instance, emphasizes the eyes without giving them a too made up look. Chan also recommends using a nude or pink shade for lips and cheeks so that the eye color really stands out.

The 3-in-1 pen is available in black and brown.

Support
RONALD
MCDONALD
HOUSE
CHARITIES



CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE SALE!



AVAIL OF OUR WHIRLPOOL, SHOWER ENCLOSURE AND STEAM ROOM AT VERY LOW PRICES!

Jiemei



MORE DISPLAYS AT...

E-Square Bldg. Unit 101, No. 414-416 Ortigas Ave. North Greenhills San Juan Metro Manila

Tel Nos: 705-1813 / 721-0278 / 724-3473

OPEN from 9:00AM-7:00PM MONDAY-SUNDAY

HURRY...LIMITED STOCKS ONLY!

New cosmetic line for young Filipinas

EVER Bilena's Careline introduces its 2005 Cosmetic Collection.

The new collection is inspired by the free-spirited Asian adolescent eager to experience life for the first time.

Careline was launched in the Philippine market through its nail color collection. Now, it has expanded its product range with the Mini Face Powder, Eyeshadow Powder, Wet Lips, Lip Gloss and Lip Shimmer.

Ever Bilena Cosmetics Marketing manager Evelyn Santiago said the Careline girl is 13-20 years old. Fun, active and adventurous, she wants to try new things and establish her individuality.

Santiago said Careline has a mild formulation designed for the Asian teen's skin. The collection has bright colors, blends easily with the skin, does not easily wear off and

is affordable for teens.

Ever Bilena chief executive officer Dioceldo Sy added that, aside from making sure that Careline's formulation is safe enough for the sensitive skin of young Asians, prices are also set to fit the budget of Filipino teens.

The new Careline products include the Compact Mini Face Powder (P40) in five different shades—natural, honey, tan, chestnut and white; Extra Shine Lip Shimmer (P40) that moisturizes the lips and gives them a subtle wet feel; Juicy Fruit Gloss (P40) that has a delicious fruity scent and gives a smooth, glossy finish to the lips; Wet Lips Collection (P40) in strawberry, grapes, orange, apple and watermelon; and the Eyeshadow Powder (P48) in candy-colors.

Careline Cosmetics is available in leading department stores nationwide.

Easy skincare regimen

FOR those who want to maintain a clear and healthy complexion through a simple and easy-to-follow daily skincare regimen, Nu Skin offers Scion Basics.

Consisting of Scion Facial Cleansing Gel, Refining Facial Toner and Moisture Light Cream, this product line offers an uncomplicated way to maintaining clean, fresh and healthy-looking skin.

Scion Basics adhere to the fundamental formula of skincare—cleanse, tone and moisturize.

The first step is cleansing. Scion Facial Cleansing Gel washes away dirt and other impurities. This product is soap-free and has a non-drying formula that will not irritate or harm the complexion. It leaves skin clean and fresh, while help-

ing it retain needed moisture.

Preparing the skin for thorough moisturization, Scion Refining Facial Toner is especially designed to calm and revitalize the complexion. It also helps improve skin tone and texture, leaving it beautifully glowing.

Scion Moisture Light Cream replenishes lost moisture without leaving an uncomfortable greasy feel. Skin feels softer and smoother, revealing radiance and vitality. Use this as a final step to your skincare routine.

Nu Skin Philippines, Inc. exclusively distributes Scion Basics in the country. It is an affiliate of Nu Skin Enterprises, Inc., a leading multi-level marketing company engaged in the sales of premium quality personal-care products and health supplements.

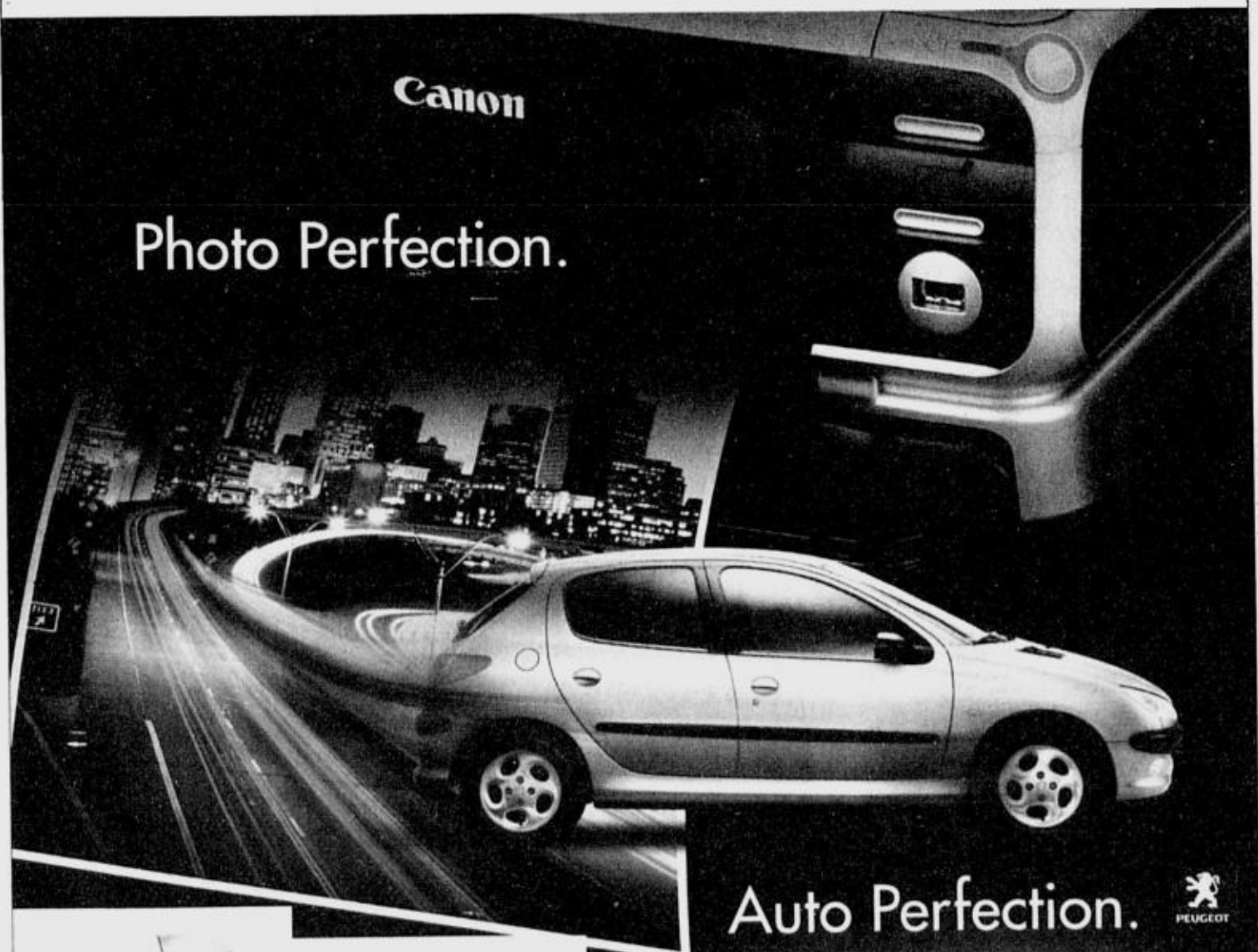
Call 6890333 or visit www.nuskin.com.ph



BUY A STYLISH PIXMA PRINTER.

GET A CHANCE TO DRIVE HOME A STYLISH PEUGEOT 206.

Canon



Promo Mechanics:

Each purchase of any of the participating models of Canon Pixma Printer from all accredited Canon dealers nationwide, entitles the customer to a certain number of raffle coupons for a chance to win a Peugeot 206.

Raffle coupon breakdown:

IP1000	1	raffle stub
IP1500	2	raffle stubs
IP2000	3	raffle stubs
IP3000	4	raffle stubs
IP4000	6	raffle stubs
IP5000	8	raffle stubs
IP6000D	10	raffle stubs
IP8500	12	raffle stubs

Customer shall fill up the raffle coupon with his/her name, address, telephone number, warranty card number, store name, model purchased, and affix signature.

PARTICIPATING MODELS:



Drop at designated drop boxes located inside the stores/retail outlets or place in a white legal sized envelope and mail to:

"Photo Perfection: Auto Perfection" Raffle Promo
Canon Marketing Philippines, Inc.
2F Marvin Plaza Bldg. 2153 Don Chino Rocas Ave.
cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City

Promo period is from October 15 to December 15, 2004. Deadline of dropping the raffle coupons is on December 15, 2004 at 9:00PM. Mailed entries should be received not later than December 22, 2004.

Raffle draw will be on December 28, 2004 at 3:00PM at Canon Marketing Philippines' head office with the presence of a DTI representative.

The prize is not convertible to cash.

The winner will be notified via registered mail and will be given specific instructions as to how and when he can claim his prize.

To claim the prize, the winner must present any valid ID (SSS, TIN, Postal ID, Driver's license, Passport), warranty card and notification letter to Jill Santiago or Lusy Ang at Canon Marketing Philippines with office at 2F Marvin Plaza Bldg. 2153 Don Chino Rocas Ave. cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City.

The winner shall shoulder the 20% prize tax of the Peugeot 206 plus the vehicle's documentation requirements.

If prize is not claimed within sixty days (60) from receipt of registered mail, the prize will be forfeited in favor of Canon Marketing Philippines, with prior approval from DTI.

Employees of Canon Marketing Philippines, its advertising agency, participating retail outlets and authorized dealers including their relatives up to 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from joining the promo.

Actual car may vary from photo.

South & Southeast Asia Regional Headquarters:

Canon Singapore Pte Ltd 1 HarbourFront Avenue, #04-01, Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632 www.canon-asia.com

Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc. 2F Marvin Plaza 2153 Don Chino Rocas Avenue cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City • Tel: 812-6047 / 812-8076 to 79 / 892-8449 • Fax: 810-9794 • E-mail address: info@canon.com.ph • www.canon.com.ph

You can now get the 'Bridget Jones' look

From page F1

very effective at keeping the oil at bay.

The item is perspiration-, water- and sebum-resistant. It boasts of camouflaging enlarged pores. I love the fact that it has SPF 28.

The loose powder, P325, has a secure lid to prevent spillage, looks very sheer but also soaks up oil for that non-greasy look.

The mascara, at P395, sells 100 pieces a day in Japan alone because of its reasonable price and top performance. Choose between curl and long or curl and volume. It comes in black, brown and electric blue and don't



LIPFINITY Everlites, Color Adapt Foundation and More Lashes mascara



FASIO star products

clump, smear or flake.

The lip gloss in tubes is only P195 and the Lipstick Super glossy is only P345. Choose between Brown Sugar Beige (my choice) and Petal Peach.

Of course, the best way to remove all that stay-put Fasio makeup is via the cleansing oil, which is the cheapest one around at P395. Fasio is truly a quality beauty find!

Product I now can't do without: all the liquid foundation mentioned in this article I applied using Paula Dorf's (PD) foundation brush, P2,150 at Essences Rustan's.

I now refrain from using my hands when applying liquid or cream foundation as I always end up messing up my purse or dress. The very first makeup artist who used and in fact invented the foundation brush was PD.

With all the foundation brushes I have tried no one had the engineering down pat like she did. The finish is just smooth and natural like genetically perfect skin and unlike other brushes it adjusts to the contours of the face and is a no-brainer to use.

You will find that you use a lot less foundation and end up saving money.

E-mail the author at kinnysalas@yahoo.com



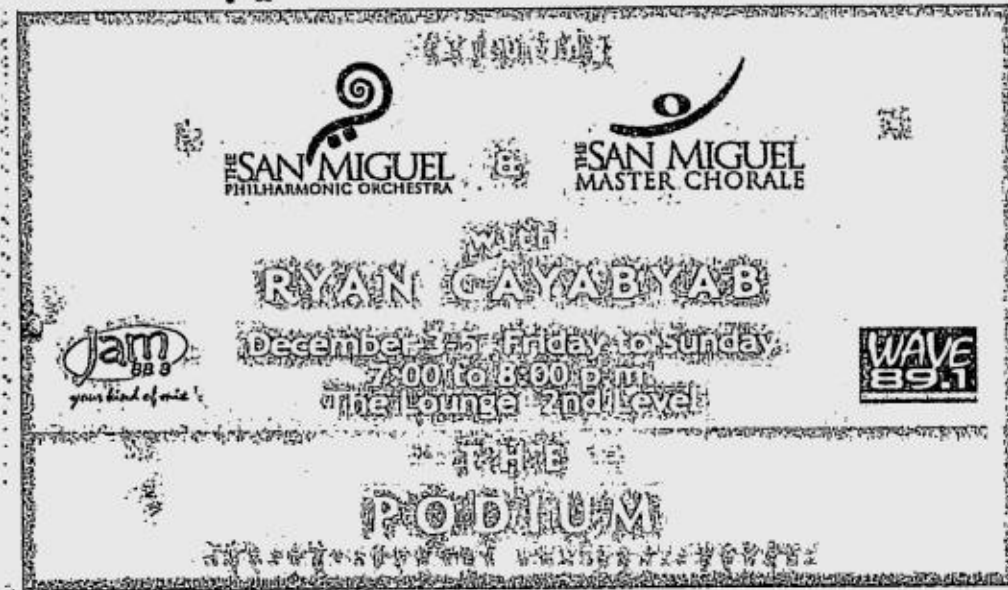
SHU Uemura holiday look

SAN MIGUEL
FOUNDATION FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS

and The Podium

present

THE SAN MIGUEL CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL



Credit Cards
Credit for all that really matters

Standard
Chartered



CONGRATULATIONS

JULIE ANN RUFON FERNANDEZ

Winner of Shop Attack at PriceSmart

2 winners to go!

You may be the next winner of a Shopping Spree!
Shop within 60 seconds and win up to 100,000 worth of prizes.

Promo is until December 10, 2004 only.



MARKS &
SPENCER

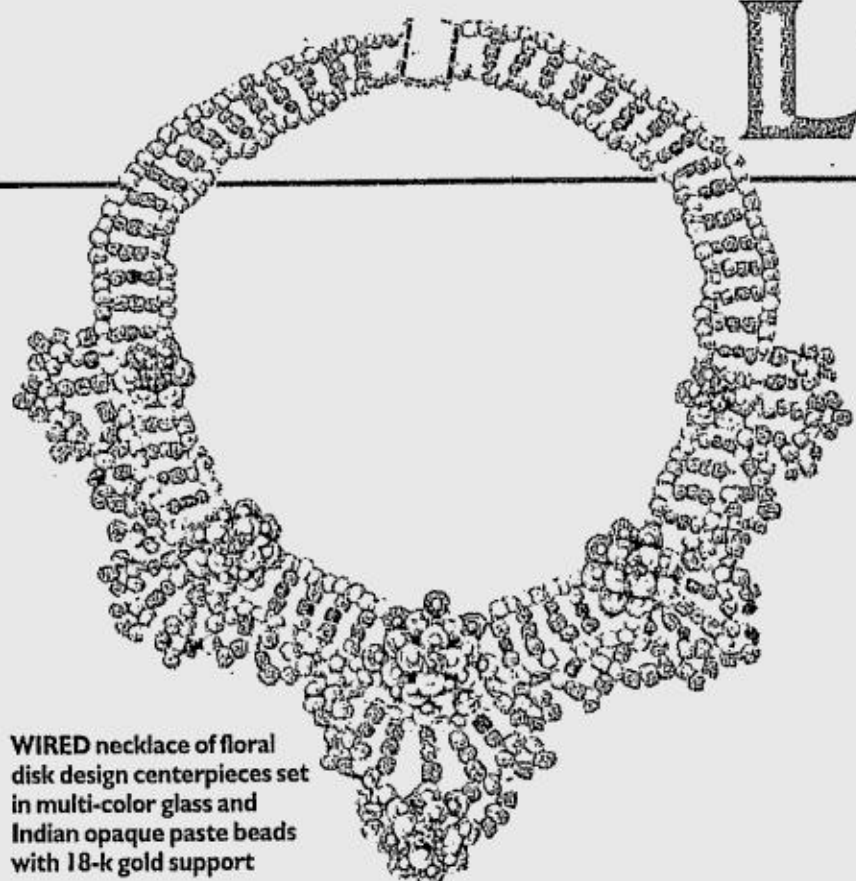


C-PMD-139
Rev 00 14/10/04

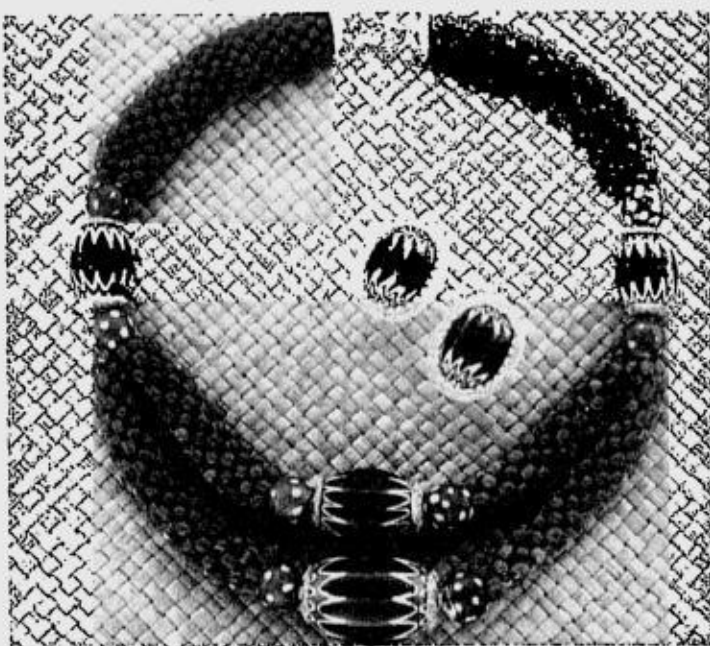
For inquiries, call our Customer Hotline 830-1111

See matters for details. Per DTI-NCR permit no. 2517, Series of 2004.

LIFESTYLE



WIRED necklace of floral disk design centerpieces set in multi-color glass and Indian opaque paste beads with 18-k gold support



ANTIQUÉ barreled Venetian chevron combined with red ox-eye and red wound compound glass with polychrome dots



RARE aqua-blue glass beads with 18K bi-cone Pinalay beads and centerpiece with dangling quartz

What's old is new again

KUWINTAS is designing jewelry that combines art, history and craftsmanship that it hopes may even be considered museum pieces in the future.

The store is owned by couple Nol and Elizabeth Encarnacion, who decided to turn their interest in heirlooms and in one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces into a business.

Trained and equipped in Germany, Elizabeth and her classically trained 10-man strong team of artisans create jewelry inspired by history reminiscent of age-old hand-crafted and intricate masterpieces of gold. Each piece utilizes antique beads, either heirloom or excavated, ensuring that each item is rich in heritage.

All the beads used by Kuwintas are taken from old cultures from Asia, Euro-Asia, Iran, Afghanistan and Venice. The beads used to craft each piece are rich in stories that stem from olden-time barter trade, burial ceremonies and dowry gifts.

Traditional techniques such as granulation, filigree and repouse are used in creating the different items.

Prices of Kuwintas items start at P15,000. To view the collection at the Kuwintas Quezon City showroom, call 9120098 for an appointment, or e-mail kwintas@pacific.net.ph.



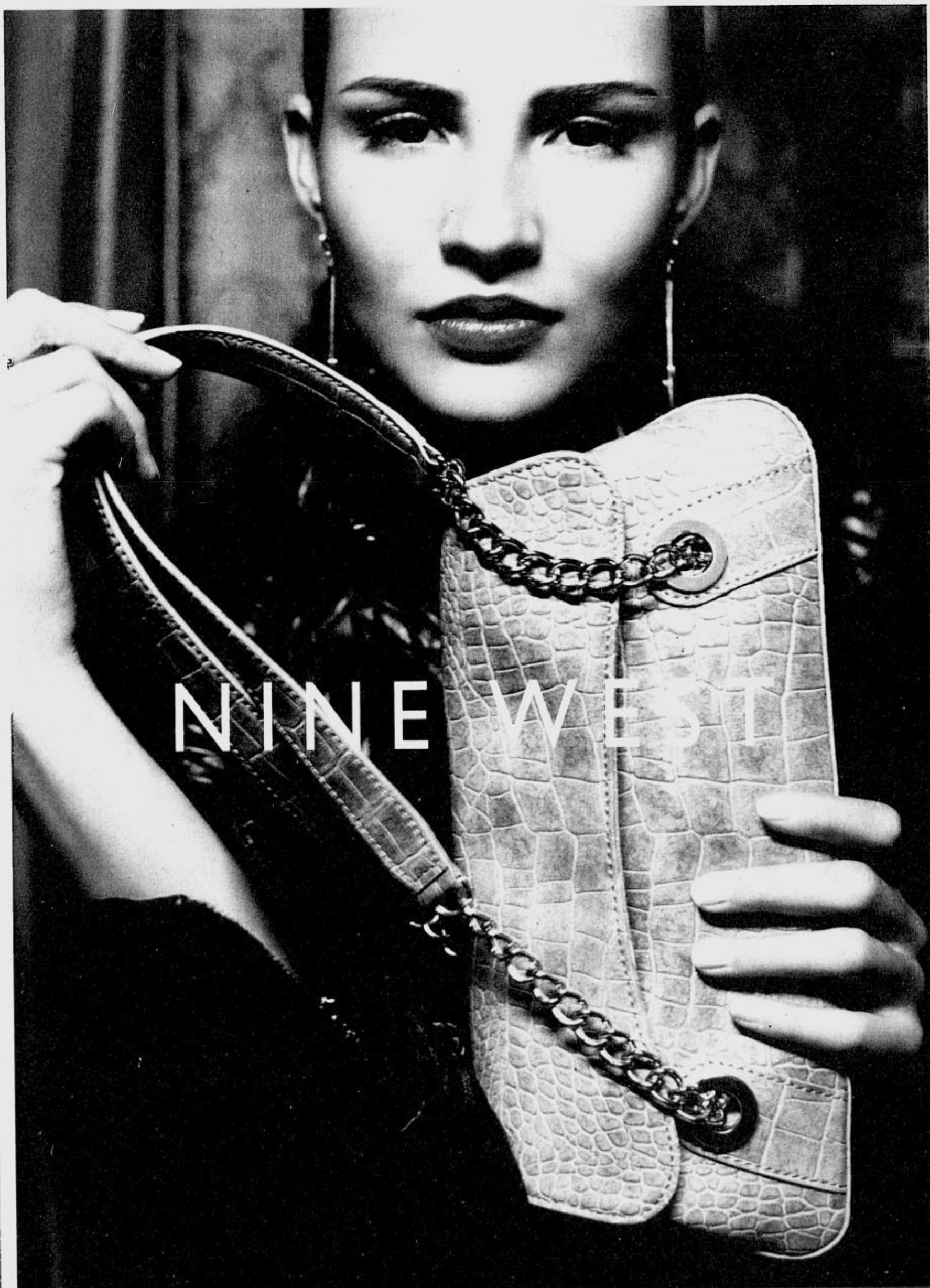
EXCAVATED barter ring pendant and Indian opaque paste beads interspersed with a variety of carnelian and blue glass beads



EXCAVATED gold pendant centerpiece with quartz on multicolored glass and Indian opaque paste beads combined with green bridal beads



ON ELIZABETH Encarnacion: centerpiece used is from a portion of raised-work wrist clasp set on strand of excavated green clay beads and mosaic (millefiori) glass beads



Rustan's Makati, Rustan's Tower, Rustan's Cubao, Rustan's Harrison Plaza, Greenbelt 3, Glorietta 3, Alabang Town Center, SM Megamall, Robinsons Place Manila, Robinsons Galleria, Shangri-La Plaza, Festival SuperMall, The Power Plant and Ayala Center Cebu



GOWN that's close to the body manages to look sexy despite a layer of tulle.



A 1960s-inspired gown with a fishtail silhouette

Fashion calling

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

NOKIA drew inspiration from the past to come up with three of its latest tech-friendly and fashionista-savvy cell phones: 7260, 7270 and 7280.

In keeping with its thrust to fuse technology and fashion, the world's leading cell phone maker launched its latest objects of envy in Manila with a color-coded fashion show at the Ayala Museum.

Directed by Robby Carmona, "Nokia Goes Totally Fashion" featured the clothes of Dennis Lustico, Rhett Eala and Randy Ortiz.

Light, slim and loaded with all sorts of new and standard features you might not even need, the 7260 is described as Art Deco-meets-industrial design. Users can even enhance and personalize their 7260s with changeable accessories such as stylish straps and carrying cases. Jet-setters can easily phone home, as it has tri-band capabilities, or send celebrity sightings to friends via its VGA camera.

The 7270 draws its inspiration from the glamorous 1920s. Encased in an etched stainless steel casing, its fold design is designed to accent your wardrobe with matching textile wrap, carrying strap and pouch to reflect your style and mood. On top of a VGA camera, it has a built-in radio and fashion headset.

Finally, the VGA-equipped 7280 offers a completely new mobile phone design that chucked the traditional keypad for a discreet keyless dial using the Navi-spinner. A fine lacquered-inspired high-gloss finish complemented by leather and mirror accents add style, making the device as much a work of art as it is an advanced piece of technology.

Contrasts

Fashionable yet functional, retro yet modern, small yet attractive are some of the contrasting adjectives that best describe the new Nokia models, which the three designers tried to translate in their respective collections. Aside from the assigned colors, each designer chose a specific decade to draw inspiration from.

Lustico paid homage to the early 1960s with sweeping white ball gowns that combined shape and volume. To achieve this, the designer did fitted cashmere crepe outfits wrapped in a layer of tulle. A fishtail number came with a film of hand-pleated tulle with converging diagonal patterns.

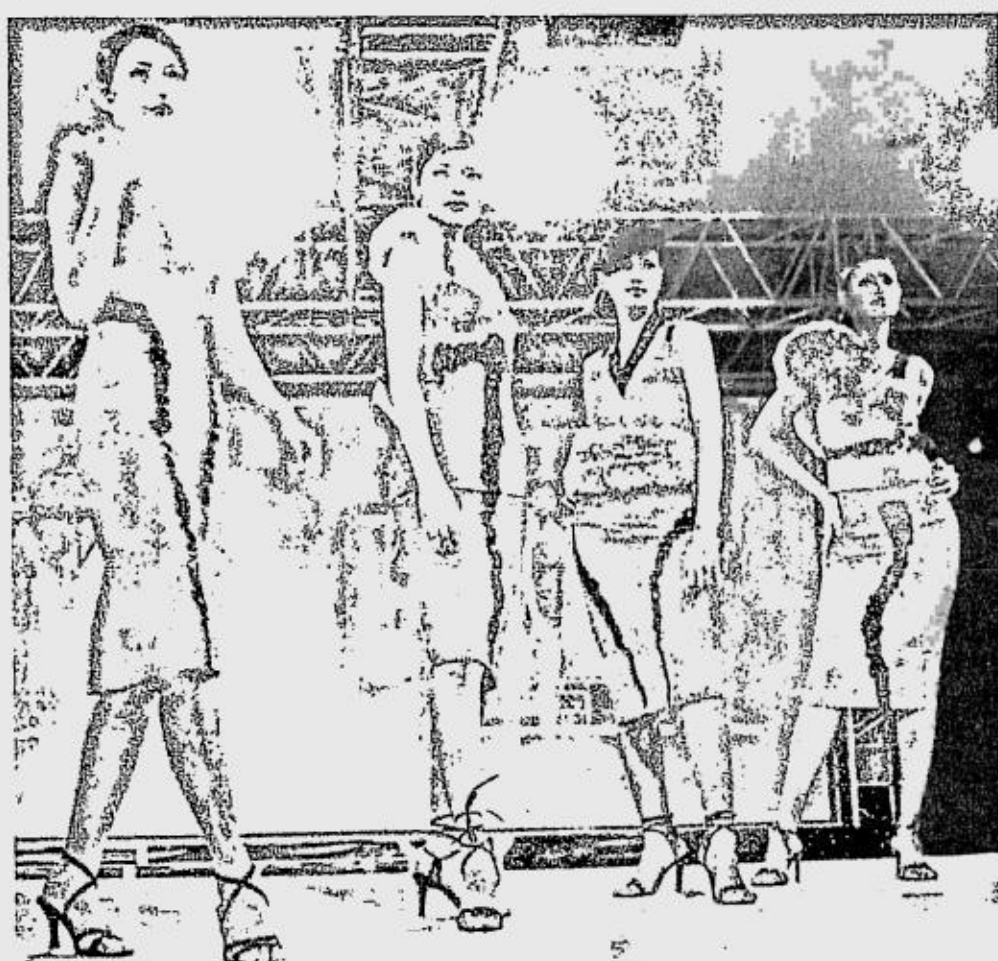
"I wanted to marry volume with sexiness," he said. "There are two approaches to make outfits in white look sexy. You either make them cling to the body or you incorporate holes in the form of peek-a-boos."

One shade that needs no peek-a-boo to command attention is red, which Eala appropriated for the night with his 1940s-inspired slim cotton pique skirts and sleeveless tops. In lieu of the decade's trademark shoulder pads, he used detachable fox fur for a more contemporary look.

"I got the fur from a flea market in Hong Kong," said the amused designer. "Aside from Baguio and Tagaytay, they can be worn in an air-conditioned room."

To add some sparkle into the matte fabric, Eala hand-painted portions of the skirt and bodice before beading them with black sequins, spangles, crystals and cut beads. In keeping with the designer's signature silhouette, the pieces were structured close to the body.

Ortiz capped off the evening with an all-



LADIES in beaded red dresses

Designers tap the glamorous '20s to make cellphone-prone clothes

black collection of tailored men's suits made mostly from tropical wool in different patterns—from wide to narrow pin stripes, to hound's tooth hidden beneath the jacket's collars. Aside from black bouclé, the tuxedo pants were accented with satin strips.

Despite his attempt at fusing various patterns, materials and elements, the collection managed to look expensive, visually exciting and masculine. It also helped that the designer chose the country's leading male models such as Gary Dulatas, Peter Nordell and Raphael Kieffer.

"They're my version of neo-classic tuxedos that hark back to the time of Rudolf Valentino in the 1920s," he said. "I had to be very selective in the choice of models. Aside from being tall and handsome, they have to project a certain rich, clean image."

And rightly so, since like the rest of the evening's mannequins, they also had to fish out and model the latest Nokia cell phones. The marriage between fashion and technology never looked this good.

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph.



MATTE and shine

BLACK on black



PANEL inserts



ENZO Angiolini 2004 collection

Label gets its own home

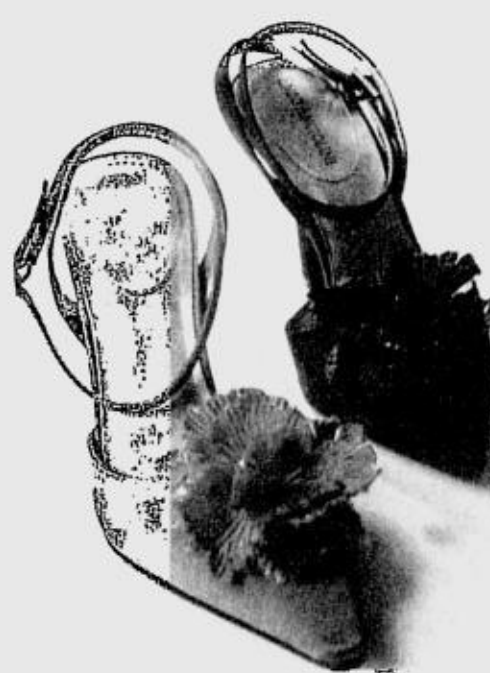
ENZO Angiolini, which used to be housed with Nine West shoes and bags, finally goes solo at Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Makati. Another label under the Nine West Group Inc., Enzo Angiolini is known for its classic European-style high-end shoes, handbags and accessories.

Started in the early '90s, Enzo Angiolini is available in the brand's own 25 stores and in over 200 Nine West outlets. It has established a strong presence in Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Enzo Angiolini was launched in Manila in 1998. Retailled with Nine West, it was acquired by Stores Specialists Inc. The brand tries to meet the customer's desire for luxury at affordable prices.

The products show careful attention to detail, craftsmanship and materials. Luxurious and timeless, they feature high-quality leathers and distinctive designs.

Enzo Angiolini's newest collection is at Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Makati. Stores Specialists Inc. is the authorized distributor of the Enzo Angiolini.



FELIZ



MONICA and Charlize



JULIANNE, Evangelina and Namanda



RUBIA

TOYS AND GIFTS FAIR

DECEMBER 3-16, 2004

DRESS FOR LESS

<p>LADIES' CUFF SLEEVE BLOUSE W/ COMBINATION P119.75 each</p>	<p>LADIES' 3/4 BLOUSE W/ COMBINATION P129.75 each</p>	<p>AAA MEN'S MUSCLE T-SHIRT BODY FIT P99.75 each</p>	<p>AAA MEN'S T-SHIRT BODY FIT P129.75 each</p>
<p>P99.75 - P149.75 DOLLS each</p>	<p>P99.75 BEAR STUFF TOY (BIG)</p>	<p>P139.75 BEAR STUFF TOY (SMALL)</p>	<p>CHILDREN'S PAJAMA SET IN CANISTER P149.75 each</p>
<p>BUMP AND GO AIR BOMBER ELECTRONIC LCD-SPACE INTRUDER SUPER POWER POLICE EMULATE MODEL</p>	<p>P269.75 P199.75 P189.75 P199.75</p>	<p>WINNIE THE POOH (w/ MOVING HAND) P499.75</p>	<p>SEED STRIKE GUNDAM P219.75</p>
<p>HOT BUY! PS 1 DUAL SHOCK CONTROLLER P495.00 PS 2 DUAL SHOCK CONTROLLER P695.00 PS 1 MEMORY CARD P195.00</p>	<p>FREE 1 PC. POKEMON CARTRIDGE</p>	<p>GAME BOY COLOR UNIT P3,795.00</p>	

GREAT BUYS

<p>BATH TOWEL & FACE TOWEL IN GIFT BOX P279.75</p>	<p>P49.75 CHRISTMAS PRINT CHAIR PAD</p>
<p>WALL CLOCK 10" P99.75 each</p>	<p>P79.75 each WALL CLOCK 6"</p>
<p>HOT BUY! additional 10% OFF P1,780.00 each BMX BIKE #16</p>	

APPLIANCE SALE MADNESS

<p>LG Washing Machine WS-4500 Before: P2,895.00 P2,595.00</p>	<p>HOT BUY! TCL 21" Color Television TCL-21106 Before: P7,295.00 P6,795.00</p>	<p>Before: P998.00 P928.00</p>
<p>Before: P329.00 P299.00</p>	<p>Before: P898.00 P798.00</p>	

Robinsons Supercenter • Robinsons Place Pioneer

Big R Supercenter

• Robinsons Place Novatichas
• Robinsons Place Dasmariñas
• Robinsons Place Metro East

• Skarmilla Pampanga
• Robinsons Place Lipa
• Robinsons Place Cainta

• Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa
• Nepo Mall Dagupan
• Limketkai Center, Cogayan de Oro

PER DTI - NCR MEMBERSHIP SERIES CP 2004

LIFESTYLE

Enamel 'treasures' are practical gifts

LADY'S
bag

OCEANIC 1911's latest enamel collection consists of intricately designed trinkets that are both practical and decorative.

The trinkets can be used to store jewelry pieces and personal effects (small lipsticks, pills) or maybe used as paperweights and tabletop decor.

Oceanic's enamel treasures come in various interesting miniature shapes—baby shoes, lady's handbag, golf bag, telephone, kettle and water sprinkler. There are also panda bears, dolphins, owls and frogs.

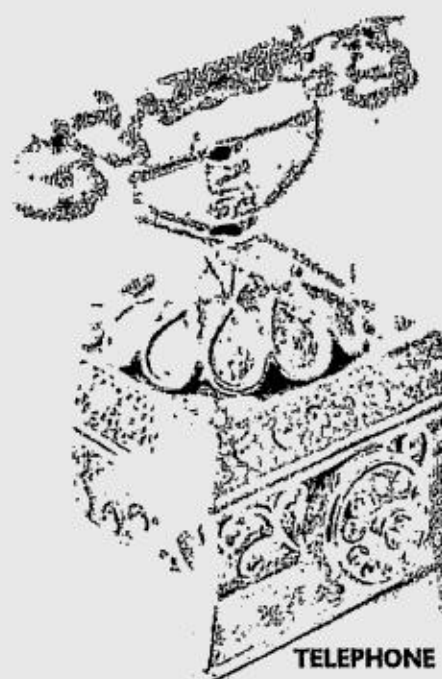
Enamel is a decorative art technique in which glass "paste" is applied to the surface of a metal. It dates back to the 15th century when Egyptians used pieces of cut-glass in decorative patterns to enhance an object. Since then, enamel has been used throughout history and by cultures across the globe, because of its colorful and lustrous quality.

You may want to get Oceanic 1911's enamel trinkets to add to your own collection or as gifts for friends and loved ones.

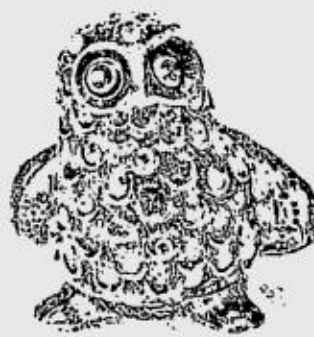
Oceanic 1911 stores are located at Glorietta 1, SM Megamall, SM Southmall, Festival Mall, SM Northmall, SM City Manila, Ayala Center Cebu and Robinsons Place Bacolod.



BABY'S shoes



TELEPHONE



OWL



WATER sprinkler

ROCK AND SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

at Greenhills Shopping Center's Night Market.

Watch your favorite artists perform while bagging great bargains at GSC's Night Market from 6 pm - 2 am beginning November 20, 2004. With the COD Moving Mannequin Show, live bands every night, and a wide selection of trendy and affordable items, you'll definitely let the good times roll here, at GSC.

Greenhills Spirit of Christmas

SMART
Simply Amazing!

GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER
ORTIGAS & COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

www.greenhills.com.ph

Hands on Manila is a non-profit organization that recruits, educates and coordinates a network of volunteers for community projects. We have over 30 service programs to choose from ranging from literacy, arts, sports, housing and counseling among others. If you feel you are called to serve, here's our number: 843-7044 or e-mail us to honma@info.com.ph. A little of your time heals all wounds.

HANDS ON MANILA FOUNDATION, INC.

LIFESTYLE

Text us your feedback:
Inquirer life name/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart).Holiday
sparkle

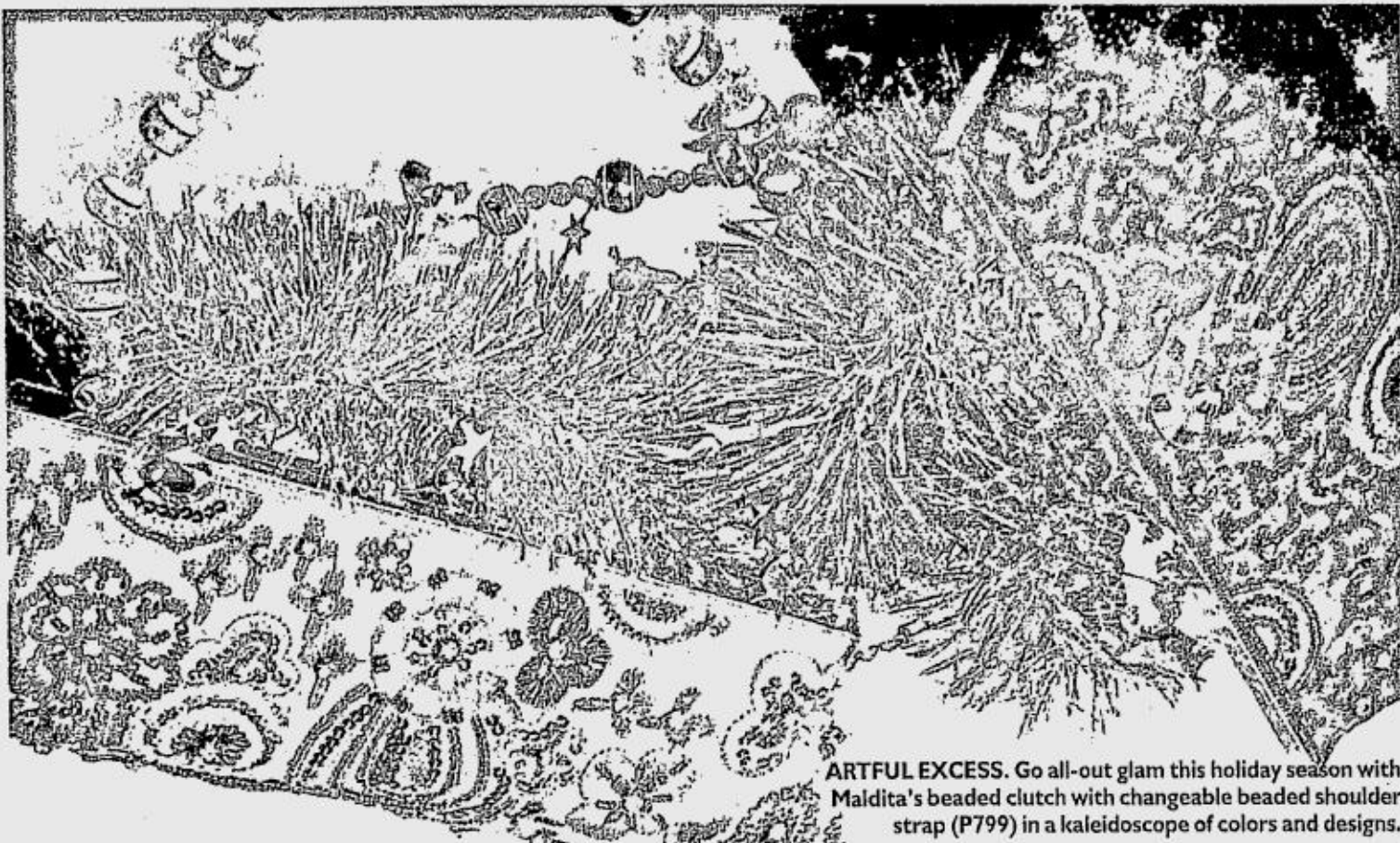
THE POWER dressing woman's favorite boutique, Maldita, offers a holiday collection that blurs the contrast between casual chic and classic elegance.

Standouts are sexy tops, feminine and flirty separates that cling and hug the body, low-slung jeans that show off your curves.

Embellished bags and fun totes pump up the glam factor,

especially when paired with bejeweled shoes. Glittery accessories that spell opulence add a touch of whimsy and originality.

Visit any of the Maldita stores at SM North Edsa; SM Megamall; SM Manila; SM Sucat; SM Fairview; SM Southmall; SM Dasmariñas, Cavite; SM Cebu City; SM San Fernando, Pampanga; Robinsons Galleria, Robinsons Place Ermita; Glorietta 1, Ayala Center; Festival Mall, Alabang; Outlet Yard, Quezon Avenue; and Market! Market!, Bonifacio Global City.



ARTFUL EXCESS. Go all-out glam this holiday season with Maldita's beaded clutch with changeable beaded shoulder strap (P799) in a kaleidoscope of colors and designs.



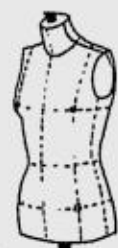
GLAM GAL. Exude confidence and oomph with this red hot V-neck empire cut with racerback top in luxurious satin (P499)



DRAMA QUEEN. Turn instantly from blah to wow with Maldita's low V-neck halter top (P499) and denim jacket with tab and snaps detail (P1200)

Paris-trained designer
Sharon Pamaong
conducts international
standard training at the

**FASHION
INSTITUTE**
of the Philippines



January/February 2005 Schedule

Children's Wear	Jan. 17-22	M-Sat	9-6
Men's Wear	Jan. 24-29	M-Sat	9-6
Fashion Design	Jan. 31-Feb. 11	MWF	9-6
Basic Pattern	Feb. 1-12	T-Th-Sat	9-6
Advance Pattern	Feb. 14-19	M-Sat	9-6
Haute Couture	Feb. 21-26	M-Sat	9-6

Fee - P8,000/course

10% discount for 2 courses or more

Designer Career Package P26,000.

(P6,500./course - Jan. 31-Feb. 26 Mon-Sat 9-6)

Basic Fashion Design

Basic & Advance Pattern Making

Haute Couture Techniques

Sewing - Individual schedule Fee - P6000.

Enroll now, only 10 students per class.

Call 0919-488-0869 Tel. 635 5383

Cityland Shaw Tower Beside Shangri-La Mall

MARLBORO CLASSICS UTILITY

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL, GLORIETTA 4, AYALA CENTER, RUSTAN'S MAKATI, SM MEGAMALL B. ALABANG TOWN CENTER, ROBINSONS PLACE, MANILA, FESTIVAL SUPERMALL, POWER PLANT MALL, ROCKWELL CENTER.
Exclusively Distributed by Stores Specialists, Inc.

FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA

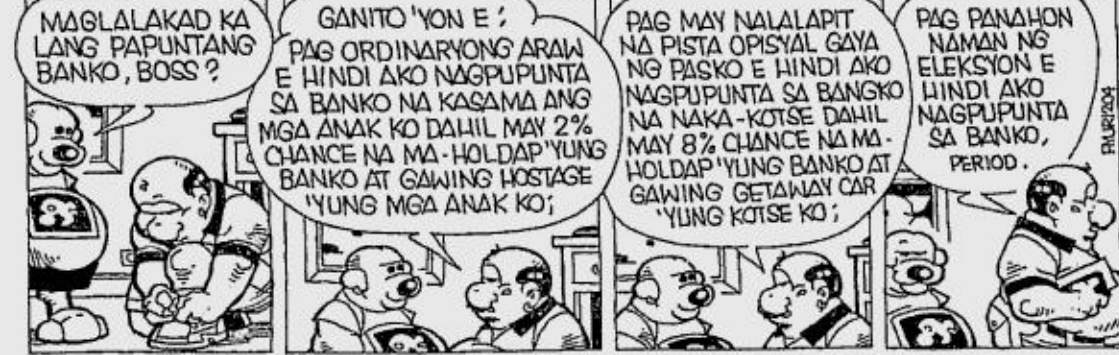
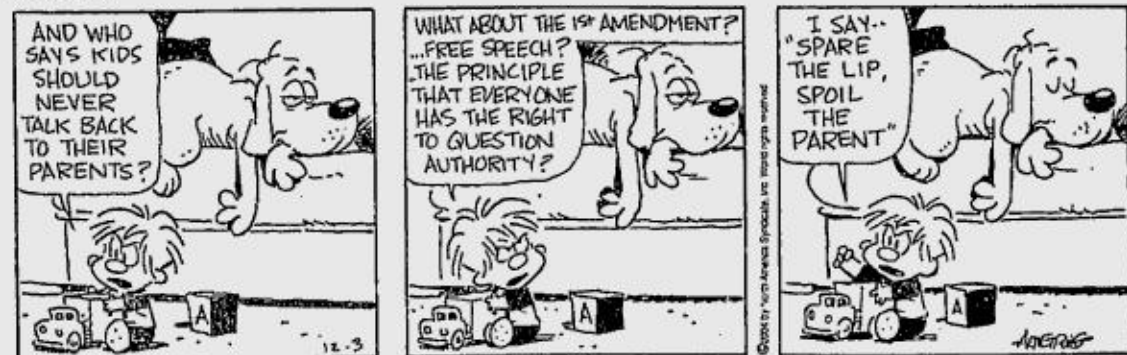


MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG

PUGAD BABOY

BY R.M. JUNIOR



BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL



ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO

GENG'S GAMES

BY AMIEL RUFO



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You are a careful planner. You know what you want and you go after it. You often master a particular technology; you can be a perfectionist. In your personal life, you're very private. You value home, family and your personal hobbies. Major changes could take place in the year ahead similar to 1995-96. Birthdate of: Daryl Hannah, actress; Brendan Fraser, actor; Julianne Moore, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You will love discussions with others about philosophical, political and religious topics. You feel extremely idealistic today. You want to learn more; you want to expand your mind!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You can use the resources of others to help those who are less fortunate. A good day to do fund raising. It's also a good day to ask those who have more to help those who have less.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Discussions with partners or close friends will be helpful today. A warm heart-to-heart exchange is just what you need (or it might just be what you need to offer someone else).

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You can definitely help a co-worker today. Or you might be able to help anyone in your job in some way. Consider this a wonderful opportunity to be generous and supportive to others.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Your creative vibes are hot today! Do anything that allows you to express your artistic talents. If you fall in love today, it might be just fantasy. (Sigh.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): A family member might need your help today. (Possibly, a family member is ready to help you.) Either way, it's important for family members to be there for each other today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You'll spend time daydreaming today. Your imagination is in overdrive. Of course, according to fancy Eastern thought, everything we do is a dream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You want to buy something beautiful for yourself or loved ones. Possibly, you want to spend money in order to help someone, especially a family member.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You seem to see the world on another level today. Not just the outer, physical details; instead, you sense connections between people and events.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): You can definitely trust your hunches and your sixth sense today. You might get a feeling about something. If so, it's probably right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is a good day to work with charitable organizations. It's also a good day to get together with friends to figure out how to improve something or help someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): You might meet a teacher or someone who truly inspires you today. It's wonderful to meet people like this. They remind us of what we can actually be.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Command
- Humble
- Adjective for the Beatles
- Loud, harsh sound
- German noble
- Part of APB
- Pecking order?
- B-F connection
- Put into service
- As soon as
- Anna of "Nana"
- Flavor choice
- Reverse order?
- Lose
- evolutionary ground
- Lament loudly
- Reverse
- North Carolina university
- Shown the way
- Religious order?
- Strike sharply
- Song for one
- Start
- Cream-filled pastries
- Authentic
- Ascending order?
- Swiss capital
- "of the Thousand Days"
- ESA's partner on the ISS
- Aussie hopper
- Cover
- Batting order?
- Season in Burgundy
- Sports venue
- Like Humpty
- The German
- Dragon capital
- Leveled in London

DOWN

- Expectant
- Revol noisily
- Branch off
- WNW's opposite
- Adventure hero Williams
- Calculating rack
- Cake maker
- Jackie's Onassis
- Help!
- Finish twins?
- True
- Pasta preference
- Mixed
- Tolkien's trees
- Our sun
- Part of U.A.R.
- and void
- Hand-cream ingredient
- Keeps going
- Vomiting
- Rock composer Brian
- Classy
- Ingrid in "Casablanca"
- Intentionally ignore
- Entertained in style
- Morkhood
- Take booty
- Mountain ranges
- On the way
- Made to join a morise
- Copy
- Greens of "Dances with Wolves"
- Exxon, formerly
- Silly
- Love god
- Auto fuel
- Period of history
- AT&T part
- Gabor of "Green Acres"

By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

BEAV	GYM	PUSHON
TIVO	JAE	ETHANE
ONEDHAW	PEEWEE	
KINSHIP	PATS	
SIRATA	NIL	IWO
LEO	ACGLUSION	
ASTA	ORETILLY	
THESE	DRS	UNAPI
STEELVES	CLEO	
WENT	TIRO	TRU
AUX	ELL	LIPOUT
ISPI	EYESORE	
SHOWME	THINKING	
TUSCAN	COMERIE	
SPEAR	HOL	SENT

Copyright © 2004 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.
All rights reserved.

MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO



BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON



KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA



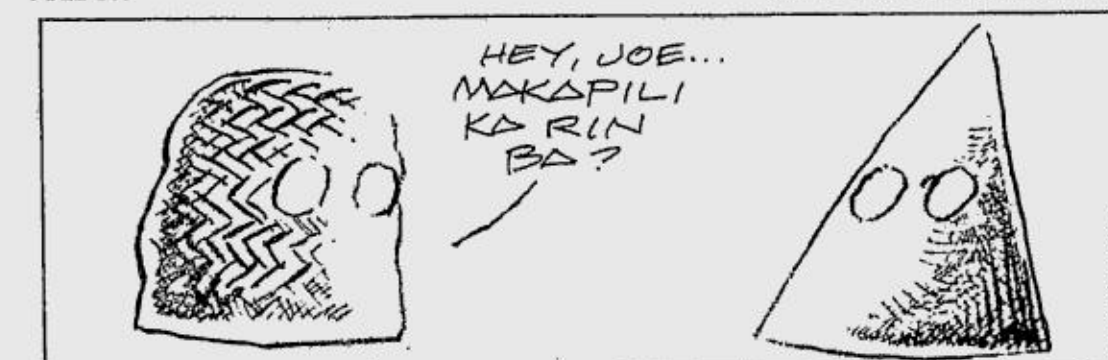
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING





SPLASHES of unexpected color add drama to any outfit. Black skirt (P899), green halter knit top (P499.75) and black cardigan (P899)

Sweet sexy thing

Kashieca's latest collections reflect every woman's longing to be stylish and fun, sweet and sexy. In other words, unapologetically feminine. From flirty skirts to pretty pastels, it's sugar and spice and everything nice at Kashieca this season

MODEL: RAYA MANANQUIL
STYLING: KAREN PASCUAL
PHOTOS: PATRICK UY
SHOT ON LOCATION
AT THE SUPERSTAR VIRGO



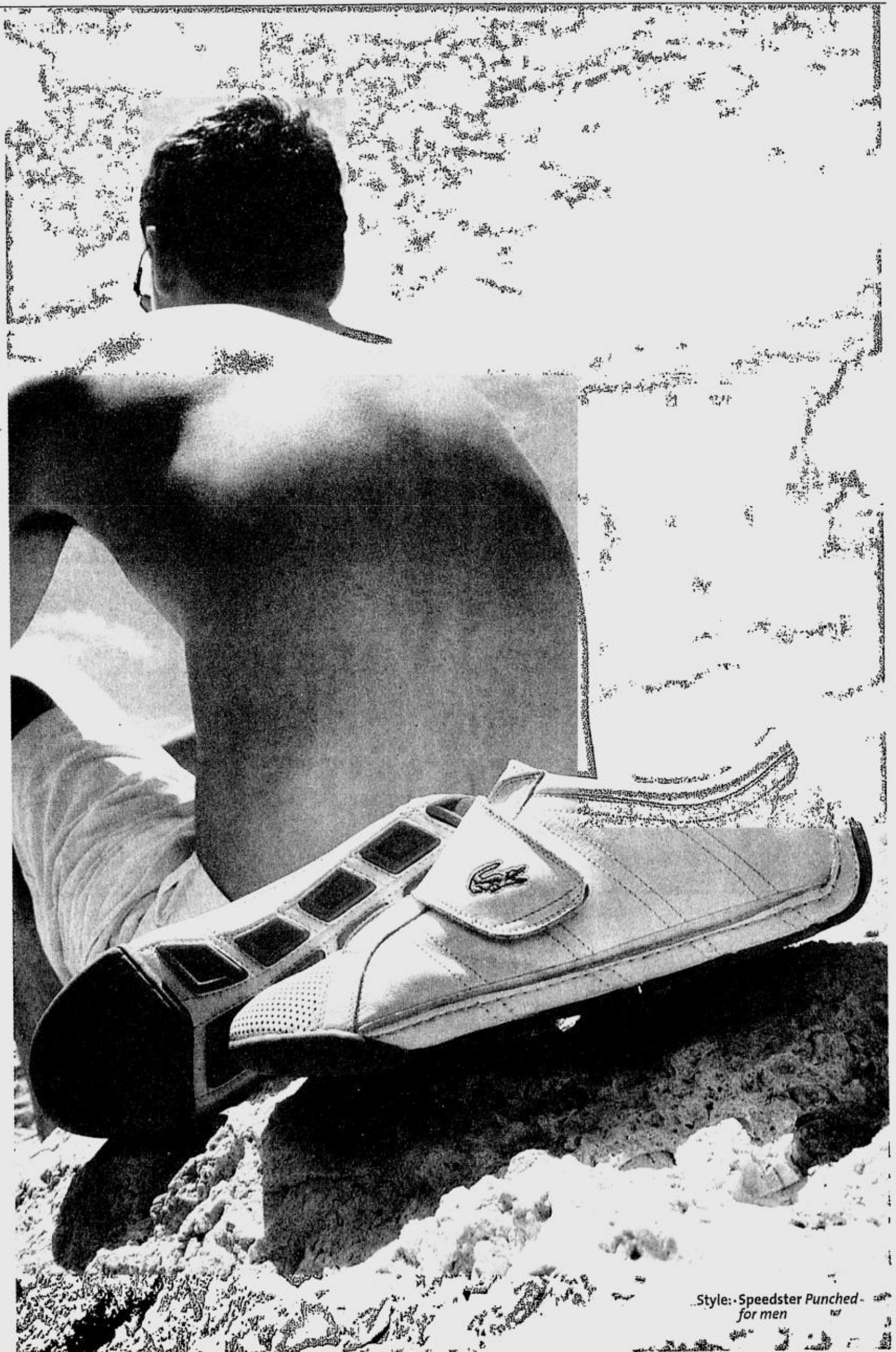
SWEETNESS and light. Pink long-sleeved blouse (P749.75) adds a touch of levity to the playful mint-green miniskirt (P699).



SWEET and saucy. Pink hooded cardigan (P899) layered over white top (P599) and pique skirt (P899)



SMART yet sweet. Black skirt (P899) with a striped blue shirt over a red top (P599). The red racer-back tank worn under a long-sleeved polo adds more drama to a staid business outfit.



Style: Speedster Punched for men



• SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL, TEL. NO. 635-0744 • GLORIETTA 3, TEL. NO. 867-4077 • ROBINSONS PLACE MANILA, TEL. NO. 522-7778
• THE POWER PLANT MALL, TEL. NO. 898-0933 • THE PODIUM, TEL. NO. 633-8226 • THE GATEWAY MALL, TEL. NO. 912-5726 • SM CITY DAVAO, TEL. NO. (082) 297-2510

LIFESTYLE

Baang and Semacio to perform at the Park

PACO Park Presents opens "Delightful December" with baritone Jesus Emmanuel Baang and pianist Adrian Semacio tonight at 6 at Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila. Admission is free.

Dance Troupe, Musikito: Ang Batang Musiko, Nonoy and Pinky and First Born Child Band. Admission is free.

FORUM. The recently-passed Republic Act 9262, which protects women and children from violence will be the subject of a forum at the UP College of Law auditorium today at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited.

EXPO. The Ilocos Region will showcase the riches of its provinces through Brilliance of the North Agri-trade, tourism and technology expo at City Plaza, San Fernando, La Union, on Dec. 3-19. Call 5360496/5251805.

CONCERTS. Concert at the Park features "Paskong Pinoy" the whole month of December. On Dec. 4, featured are the University of the East Chorale, Sindaw Performing Arts Guild, LOC Windstring Ensemble and Right Spelling Band; Dec. 5, Marissa Delgado's

GOINGS ON

FORUM. The 43rd Orient of Southeast Asia Lions forum is ongoing until Dec. 5. President Macapagal-Arroyo will be the guest of honor during the opening ceremonies today, 2:30 p.m., at Folk Arts Theater. Call 5256538.

HOMECOMING. The UP College of Arts and Letters will mark its 21st year with a general homecoming of 1984, 1989 and 1994 alumni on Dec. 11, 2-6 p.m., at the Atrium of the new CAL building in Diliman, QC. Call 9287508.

PROMO. DSS Product makers, manufacturer of Blustar homecare products, offers Buy 1 Take 1 promo in supermarkets in Metro Manila, Luzon and Mindanao. The "Sagot sa Krisis ng Blustar" promo is implemented in Liana's Supermarkets, Landmark, Puregold, Uniwide Warehouse Stores, Robinsons Supermarkets,



UP AWARDS OUTSTANDING SORORITY SISTERS

The Sigma Alpha Sorority of the University of the Philippines cited its outstanding Sigma Alphas in celebration of its ruby jubilee anniversary recently held at Discovery Suites. Awarded were Dr. Cynthia Villafuerte-del Mundo, medicine and the sciences; Dr. Ligaya Tiamson-Rubin, creative arts and literature; Amor Divina Ortiz-Tacad, emergent leadership; Rosalina de la Paz-Magat, business/entrepreneurship; Dr. Natalia Ma. Lourdes Mique-Morales, education; Cecilia Pabalan-Tolentino, international/cultural relations; Josefina Gutierrez-Tayag, community leadership; Sandiganbayan Justice Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, public/government service.

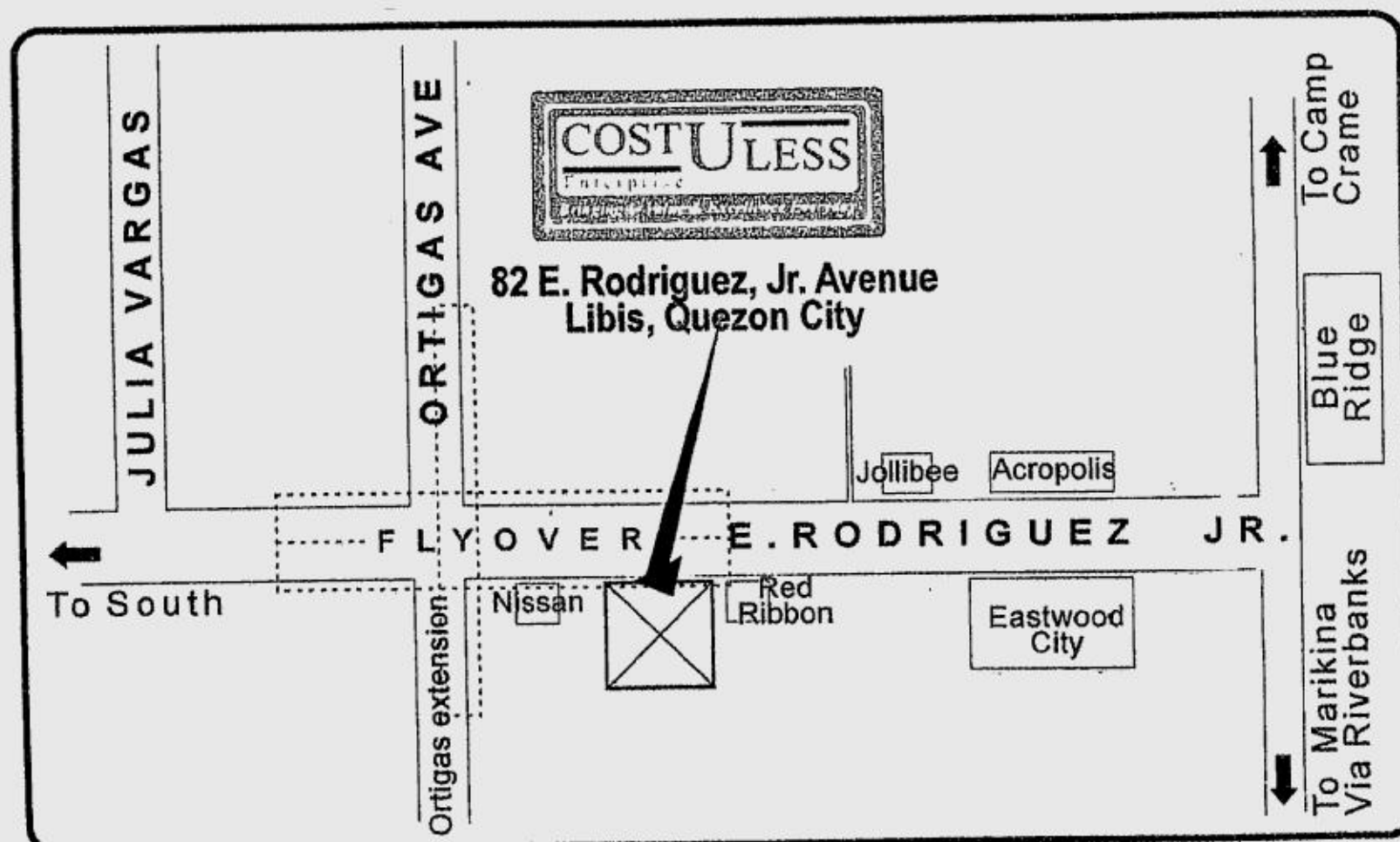
NOW OPEN!

COSTU LESS

Enterprise

Bringing U Value & Excellence Everyday

US Style Warehouse Store No Membership Fee!



82 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Libis, Quezon City

Big-R, Sta. Lucia East, Ever, Isetann, Masagana, Hi-Top, Glo-ri and Tropical Hut.

FAIR. The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will hold Photo Services Fair on Feb. 4-7, 2005 at Glorietta, Ayala Center, Makati. Call 8435341/8177420.

KIDDIE PARTY. Honda Cars Alabang hosted the Kiddie Masquerade Party for children of its customers. The event was organized in partnership with Summit Media Publishing, Goldilocks and The Picture Company.

BAZAAR. The International Christmas Bazaar runs until Dec. 5 at the Forum at the Philippine International Convention Center, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The exhibit offers gift items, imported novelty products and top-of-the-line local crafts. Booths will also offer apparel, jewelry, toys, personal accessories, food stuff, house ware and more from Italy, Thailand, Japan, Korea, France, Germany, the USA, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Vietnam and Pakistan.

Permanent bazaar in time for holidays

THE PERMANENT bazaar at the Ortigas Town Center has opened in time for holiday shopping.

The Bazaar @ the Ortigas Town Center is close to the Ortigas Home Depot, restaurants and coffee shops, and Pier One Bar and Grill.

Fashion items, home and Christmas décor, foods and other items will be offered at rock-bottom prices.

Organizers of the bazaar handpicked the over 300 concessionaires occupying the ground floor of the fully air-conditioned complex.

The organizers themselves, boasting of years of bazaar experience, are confident that the complex will prove to be the next best thing in the shopping scene.

Anno Domini, Cut Unlimited, Events Masters and Philanway tried to make sure shoppers will have a wide array of items to choose from.

The Ortigas Town Center is located at 1 Julia Vargas Avenue, across the gate of Valle Verde 3. Call 7210734, 6316487, 6316686, or 6319788.



ZENEIDA
"Bibot"
Amador

LIFESTYLE

When gods die

WHEN we got word that Zeneida "Bibot" Amador was dying, we were sad and disbelieving—but, we rebelled, gods don't die. We got the same disbelief when Rolando Tinio died almost a decade ago.

LIFE-STYLED

Thelma
Sioson San Juan



These people weren't only pillars of Philippine culture. To us who had covered their feats of genius all these years, they were a pillar of our own career. If we produced exceptional stories on them, it was because they were exceptional stories themselves.

Their vision—the pain and glory of their journey—was the stuff that enriched our career, and rocked society irreversibly.

And they fought for their vision every single day, no matter the odds.

They didn't only achieve, mentor and mold, they were also invincible. They didn't recognize defeat, no matter the hard times.

WHEN/13



MENCHU Lauchengco Yulo and Monique Wilson with Cocoy Laurel at the piano during the funeral mass-cum-tribute to Bibot at Onstage Greenbelt
JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Bibot didn't only produce Rep and generations of artists. She made theater part and parcel of the Filipino lifestyle

SM BACOR ENTERTAINMENT LIVE

Yachang
Album Tour

December 3, 2004
Friday • 5:00pm
LGF, Centermall

April Boy
Album Tour

December 4, 2004
Saturday • 5:00pm
LGF, Centermall

Divo Boy
Album Tour

December 5, 2004
Sunday • 5:00pm
LGF, Centermall

STAR RECORDS

GIFTS

THE LEATHER COLLECTION
LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION

Alabang
Alabang-Zapote Road
Las Pinas City
(beside Toyota Alabang)
Tel. 842 2261

SM Megamall
2/F Bldg. A Ortigas Complex
EDSA, Mandaluyong City
Tel. 635 6218

Makati
3416 Guernica Street
Palanan, Makati City
(near Cash & Carry)
Tel. 757 2286

Thanksgiving in
DECEMBER

MAKE UP 20%OFF
WHOLE MONTH OF DECEMBER
(selected artists)

Dec 1-7	20%OFF	Haircut
Dec 8-15	20%OFF	Hair Color
Dec 16-24	20%OFF	Blowdry
Dec 26-31	20%OFF	Hair Treatment

Sign-up and get your Piandré TDC
(Thanksgiving in December Card)
today and avail of these great holiday
discounts, and a chance to win Samsung
mobile phones at our
raffle draw!

Get a chance to win a SAMSUNG Cellphone!

Piandré SALON

TIMOG 927-3448 ; 411-8728
DEL MONTE 413-7183 ; 413-7192
GREENHILLS 722-6614 ; 722-6615
GREENBELT 816-3884 ; 816-4002
LIBIS 437-7021 ; 437-7028 ; 437-7058
SAN JUAN 726-1084 ; 727-2196

Per DDI-HCR Permit No. 2073, Series of 2004

Regulahhh

No sugahhh

Cherry wildahhh

Vanillahhh

"Coca-Cola", "Coca-Cola light", "Cherry Coko", "Vanilla Coko", and the Dynamic Ribbon device are trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company. © 2004 The Coca-Cola Company



A WOMAN walks by the illuminated billboard of a Christian Dior shop at a shopping mall in Hong Kong. Seven years of economic woes may have taught Asia's famously zealous shoppers a thing or two about restraint but, with economies picking up, they are again flocking to the region's luxury goods stores, only this time with a more discerning eye. AFP

Hong Kong lives in the lap of luxury

HONG KONG—Designer-clad women browse the new arrival racks of a French couturier store; well-heeled gents snap up suits from a bespoke US outfitter; and trendy youngsters fill a club-like European sports gear store.

Hong Kongers of all ages fill this mall in search of the world's most prestigious—and expensive—labels.

But contrary to appearances, this is not one of the glitzy emporia of the fashion-conscious downtown district. Nor is it in the rarefied atmosphere of the super-rich Peak neighborhood. This is Festival Walk, a sleek suburban-style shopping arcade in the middle of the grimy Kowloon district.

While shoppers in the rest of the world must travel huge distances to find stores selling such items, Hong Kongers' huge demand for big-name labels means luxury goods are

sold all over the city in places you'd expect to find bargain stores and fast-food chains.

"Hong Kong is an advanced, business-minded, materialistic city: As long as they exist, Hong Kongers will always love their designer labels," said Keith Chan, manager of Milan Station, a chain of stores that specialize in restored designer handbags.

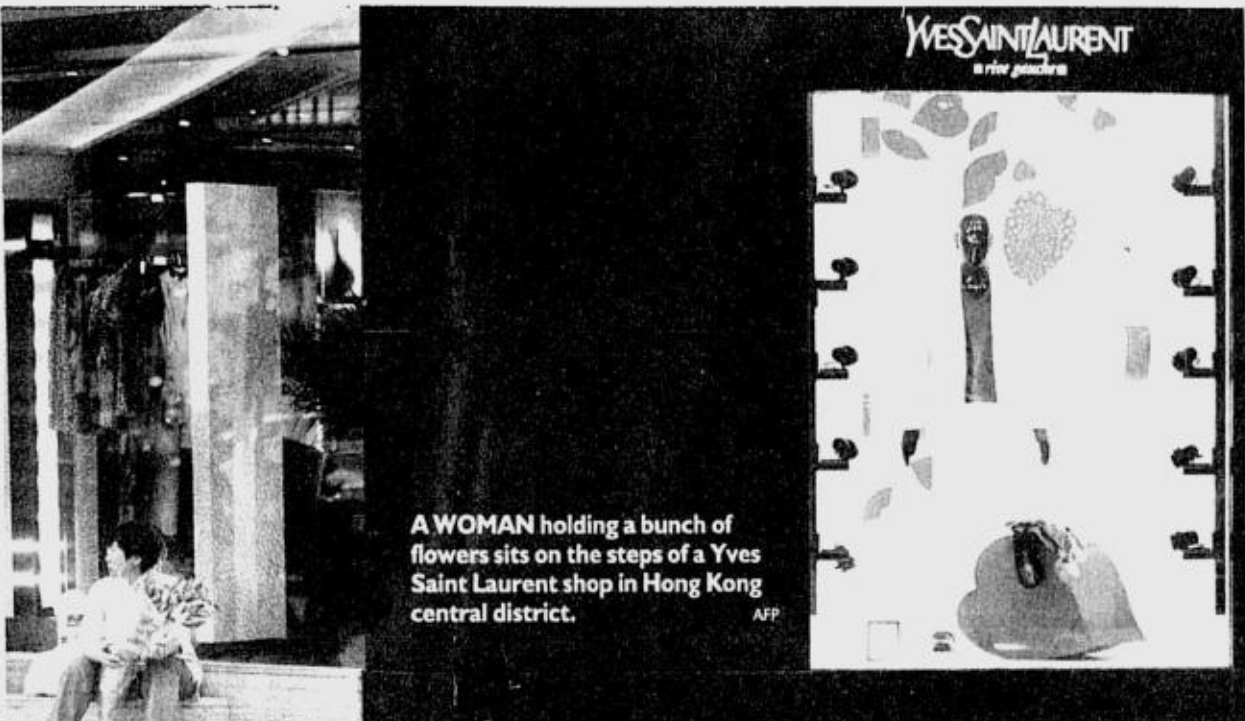
Hong Kong is jammed with high-end shopping malls: a walk through downtown needn't once involve stepping onto the pavement as all major buildings contain malls linked by overhead walkways.

Each of them bristles with the highest-profile brand names like Christian Dior, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Hermes. Road-level stores boast prestigious car marques like Rolls Royce and Jaguar.

And all of them brim with wealthy people who have money to burn.



A LOCAL resident walks past a billboard promoting Salvatore Ferragamo fashion goods. AFP



A WOMAN holding a bunch of flowers sits on the steps of a Yves Saint Laurent shop in Hong Kong central district. AFP

"We don't buy out of necessity—as long as it's something that is up-to-date and stylish, something that we like, we would buy it," said May Kwok. In the local parlance, Kwok is known as a *tai tai*—the non-working wife of a wealthy businessman.

"We like clothes, shoes and cosmetics but we are not looking for anything particular here," said Kwok, who is in her mid-50s.

She is typical of label lovers here, and spends an average of HK\$20,000 a month on luxury goods. She has seven wardrobes full of clothes at home, she said.

"I have too much, sometimes I have to give them away," she says, clutching a bag of Gucci goods.

Asia accounts for 40 percent of world luxury brand sales and outside of Japan, Hong Kongers buy more luxury items than any other Asians.

Emerging Chinese market

That demand and the city's proximity to China's huge emerging market are the reasons brands like LVMH, Prada, and Dolce and Gabbana have their Asia-Pacific headquarters here.

Sales have been boosted by a surge in the number of mainland Chinese tourists visiting Hong Kong courtesy of a relaxed travel policy in China.

High tariffs on luxury goods in China make the cheaper prices in Hong Kong a big attraction for Chinese visitors. Government figures show they spent HK\$6,018 per capita in 2003 compared with HK\$5,502 from overseas tourists.

Morgan Stanley consumer analyst Angela Moh estimates Chinese tourist spending in Hong Kong accounts for about 20 percent of retail sales a year.

"If you are going to the stores like Gucci,



MAINLAND Chinese tourists loaded with shopping bags walk past a Louis Vuitton shop in the Tsim Sha Tsui area of Hong Kong. AFP

As long as they exist, Hong Kongers will always love their designer labels

the chances of running into someone from the mainland China is very high," she said.

Shanghai resident Tan Xueping, 41, and her five friends took a special three-day shopping trip to Hong Kong.

Although Shanghai has no shortage of its own luxury stores, Tan explains that new products are launched here before going north.

"There are also more foreign brands here, which we like," she said.

Cast-offs

Milan Station's Chan understands the city's obsession with luxury: He has made a success out of selling the upper classes' cast-offs to a middle class desperate to get on the social ladder.

"Some consumers may not use their expensive handbags more than a few times," he said. "Some women buy new handbags all the time—some use them for a few days and some don't even use them at all. Then they sell them to us."

"For some, owning something is more important than actually using it." AFP

Model Heidi Klum in new TV 'runway run-off'

NEW YORK—Heidi Klum is hosting her own reality TV show, but that doesn't mean the German supermodel is a big fan of the genre. She prefers to call "Project Runway"—a contest among 12 aspiring fashion designers—a documentary.

"We're going to show the public what it's like to be a designer. I think people will be interested to see what it's really like, how talented designers are," said Klum. "What we're looking for is who is talented, not who is the funniest, not who is good-looking."

Klum, 31, has watched "America's Next Top Model" a few times because that show's creator and host, Tyra Banks, is a friend, and she's also caught Donald Trump's "The Apprentice" once or twice.

"Project Runway" brought contestants from around the United States to New York for a series of "fashion challenges." Their work was judged by Klum, designer Michael Kors, Elle magazine's Ni-

na Garcia and Constance White from eBay.

Viewers will see taped episodes that whittle down the number of contestants to three finalists, who will appear in a live runway run-off contest in February during New York Fashion Week.

"You could see very, very quickly who wasn't going to be up to the challenges but then it got very difficult because (the remaining contestants) were equally good," Klum said.

The show premieres Wednesday on the US cable channel, Bravo.

Klum, who also serves as the show's executive producer, said she wanted to find wearable clothes. "The final thing comes down to talent. The winners have to be good, they have to represent themselves well and they have to be able to work with others."

The winner will receive \$100,000 (euro75,500) in seed money to launch a fashion line, according to Bravo's website. AP



HEIDI Klum (center) poses with other models at a fashion show by "Bravo" cable TV channel to promote the new reality show "Project Runway" in New York City. AFP

When gods die

From page 11

In Bibot's cycle, the seasons had nothing to do with recession or inflation, but only with the trove of theater material that must be staged before an audience.

As Bibot and her kind plodded on season after season, we have come to see them as immortal, more so when one heard her holler and caught her bravado.

In our pockets of the universe, gods like Bibot first struck fear in your heart, then awe, until in time, you got bent and molded by her into fine talent, if not work of art.

This was what the generations of theater artists went through under Bibot. They became creations of art and Bibot was the creator, creations who themselves would create others in turn.

So you see that immortality was no exaggeration.

Bibot didn't only produce good theater. What many must realize is that Bibot made theater part and parcel of the Filipino lifestyle.

Through Repertory Philippines, she, with diehard theater artists Baby Barredo and Joy Virata, got us into the habit of going to the theater season after season. Thursday was opening night with media in attendance, Fridays and Saturdays were dates at the theater, Sundays were matinees for the family.

This, she started doing at a time when people said it couldn't be done.

In the '70s, in the Repertory's old home at Insular Life Auditorium in Makati, Bibot, Baby and the Repertory artists staged Broadway plays amid cynicism, if not outright condemnation, that they were "irrelevant" and remnants of our "colonial mentality."

But their detractors just didn't get it. In Bibot's vision, theater is theater, an audience is an audience, and an artist must be honed and polished relentlessly.

In time, they won converts, and more important, they bred batch after batch of theater talents that would later give the world the cast of "Miss Saigon" and "Les Misérables."

I still remember how Bibot chuckled as she described their first nights of performance at Insular. Their ragtag ensemble had an audience of less than five, consisting of relatives—and Bibot's driver.

Business strategy

It was an uphill climb but Bibot and Repertory had the gumption—and the business strategy—to make good that vision. They ran Repertory like a business—with a marketing unit that was in hot pursuit of corporate sponsors and theater patrons, and another unit that built the audience base for theater seasons, and still another that promoted the productions in the dailies.

Of course for the longest time, the artists themselves, led by Joy Virata, did these multi-tasks: Artists by night, businesswomen by day.

In time, big business was sponsoring Repertory and Philippine theater in general, people were buying season tickets to the theater, and most important, theater artists were getting paid to perform. This was how Bibot professionalized Philippine theater.

As for us, the audience, she gave us a good time in the theater. She didn't turn theater into a charity case. She didn't waste her time asking for government subsidy. She and Repertory did it on their own.

Through superb performance, artistry, uncanny choice of material and quality production, Repertory made you truly enjoy the theater—one that's worth your evening.

In recent years, the times must not have been that good for Repertory and theater in general. Rep lost its longtime home at Shangri-La Mall and now stages its productions at Onstage. The traffic and hard commute around Metro Manila don't make it easy for the audience to make it to the theater regularly. There are so many events to compete with theater time.

But I doubt if Bibot would have thrown in the towel. Gods don't give up.

Soft side

I feel privileged to have seen the soft side of this martinet. When her house was new, she asked us over for lunch. It was a day I'd never forget, for there I saw Bibot in an entirely different milieu. At home. Domesticated.

People would be incredulous, as we were, watching her fuss and putter around the house, while Baby stayed put at the dining table. I couldn't believe how she took keen interest in the interiors and the décor, from the iron grill work to the pottery in the garden and the plates that adorned the dining room.

She was relaxed, almost docile, as she tried to make us feel at home. The bravura was there, especially as she showed us the walls on the second floor filled with bookshelves. From there you looked down on the living room.

Bibot didn't make it to Christmas. (It was uncanny that a few weeks before, Paz Yuchengco, one of the staunchest patrons of Repertory, also passed away.) She was 71, but it was still an early death.

The younger generation that badly needs the right icons will not have enough of a Zeneida Amador—her artistry, zeal and work values.

It's a gloomy day. No wonder it's raining relentlessly in December.

Patis' jewels

Patis Tesoro has a unique Christmas

bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 5. She and her Pamintuan (her maiden name) family, from her aunt, niece to nephew, will "expose the family jewels."

These are finely crafted art forms, handmade beaded acrylic jewelry, among others. It'll be at Green in the City, 385 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong.

E-mail the author at tsanjuan@skyinet.net



TRULY You lace padded balcony bra

Lingerie for the true you

MARKS & Spencer's Truly You lingerie collection combines the finest laces and satins for functional yet flatteringly feminine knickers, bras and camisoles.

The collection evokes a new sensuality with lingerie pieces in flattering shapes embellished with laces, silk prints and embroideries. The bras create a sculpted '50s look and a cleavage.

Transparent tops are complemented with flesh-toned bras and satin-print

camisoles, functional with an underlying edge of elegance. Lace strings are delicately crisscrossed at the back for a luxurious finish and a sleek silhouette.

Complementing the bras are underpants including smooth print satin strings and low rise shorts.

Marks & Spencer has branches at Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Glorietta 4, Greenbelt 3 and SM Megamall. Rustan's is the official local franchisee.

Like no other mall in the world

Gateway

Beside Araneta Coliseum

Welcome to shopping like no other
this Christmas



The Oasis

Spectacular floating garden with towering Royal Palms



Concierge Service

Takes the load off so you can load up on more shopping



5,000 parking spaces around Araneta Center

Gateway alone has 700 indoor parking slots

Rustan's

Department Store

Your kind of store, like no other in Quezon City

Fresh

Supermarket

Holiday goodies fresh from the tree, from all over the world

MEDEX*

10 of the country's best and biggest cinema screens

with the plushiest seats ever

FOOD EXPRESS

15 best-in-class, quick-service restaurants



World Class Brands

With over 200 of your favorite brands



Gourmet Tower

20 casual dining restaurants

all with a view of the Oasis



MRT 2 and LRT3 direct access

For car-less shopping to beat Christmas traffic



Taco Bell

Ringing in record crowds

Now Open

It's the season to count your blessings and all the SAVINGS!

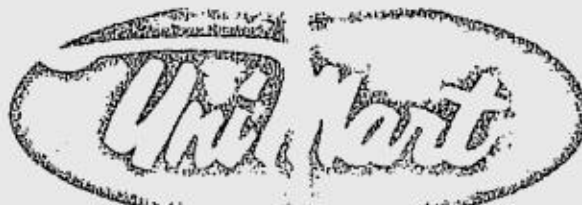
Christmas Sale

FROM DECEMBER 3, 2004 TO DECEMBER 15, 2004

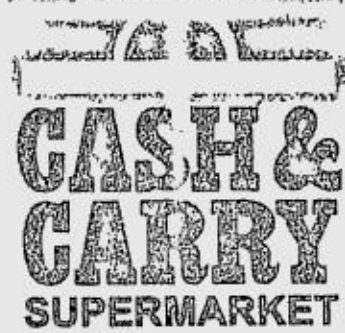


Theater Drive cor. Commerce Ave., Alabang Town Center,
Alabang-Zapote Road, Alabang, Muntinlupa
Tels. 850-7687 • 807-2208 • Store Hours: 9:30 am - 8:30 pm

THE CHAIN MARTS!
SUPER VALUE STORES



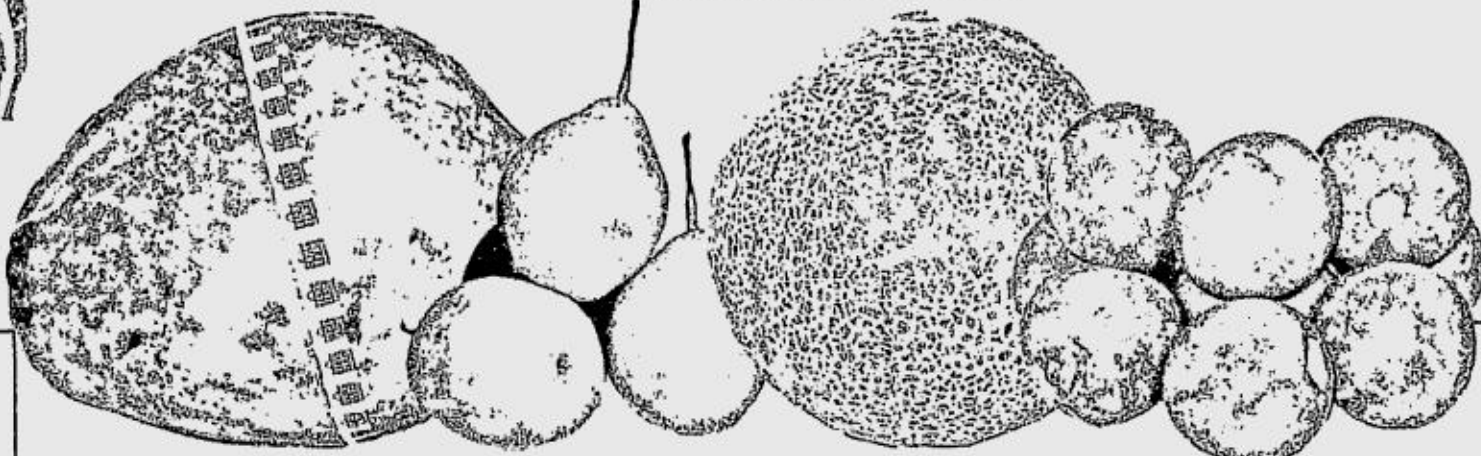
Greenhills Shopping Center
Tels. 721-0592 • 721-0612 • Store Hours: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 3161, series of 2004



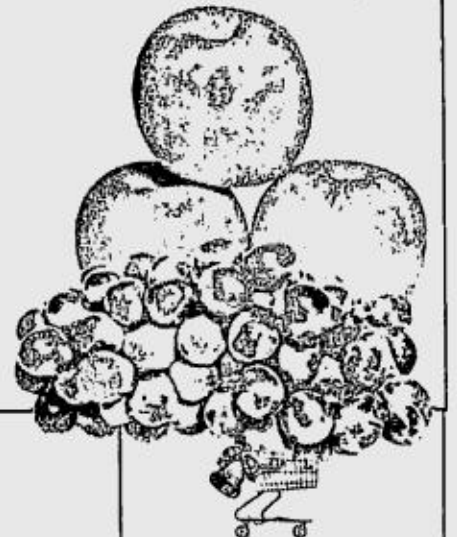
Buendia cor. South Superhighway
Tels. 844-7386 • 843-7382 • 843-3469 • Store Hours: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm



Cock Edam
Cheese Ball
1.6kg P499.50
Dutch Master
Cheese Ball
750g P313.50



Sinta Papaya P18.90/kg • Ya Pears P31.50/kg
Cantaloupe P26.25/kg • Chico P36.75/kg



X'mas Rose
Grapes
P129.50
Fuji
Apple
P52.50

Nescafe Classic Refill 100g P50.10/pk 50g P26.15/pk 25g P14.05/pk Classic Stick 84/2g P118.75/pk	Purefoods Chunkee Corned Beef 190g P23.75/con Tender Juicy Regular Hotdog 500g P90.50/pk	CDO Spaghetti Sauce 385g P27.10/con Spaghetti Meat Sauce 260g P22.80/con Bibbo Regular Hotdog 490g P84.60/pk 1kg P133.90/bag	Nestle Ice Cream Fun Toppings Classic 950ml P96.70/con Supreme 950ml P101.50/con 1.7L P202.00/con Classic 1.7L P202.00/con	Saucy Mi Instant Pancit Canton Original, Toyomansi, Hot & Spicy, Beef & Onion 65g P4.80/pk	Dumex 1Plus Honey 800g P299.60/con 1.6kg P579.00/con 3Plus Honey 800g P299.60/con 1.6kg P582.45/con	Mama Sita's Barbecue Marinade 652.1g P58.80/bot Oyster Sauce 765.5g P78.40/bot Caldereta Mix 57g P16.15/pk Kare-Kare Mix 57g P15.00/pk
Athena Milk Powder 1kg P115.80/con Enervon HP Pouch 1kg P254.30 Prime Milk 1kg P415.00/con Prime Choco 1kg P119.00/con	Ram Raisins 630g P43.75/con 100g P21.75/pk 200g P37.75/con 25g P44.80/bot Sevilla Raisins 630g P40.25/con 100g P20.70/con 200g P40.55/bot	Zest-O Pet Cals, Roast Beef, Sugar Orange, RC Cals 500ml P11.00/bot Calamansi Soda, Dalandan Soda, Fruit Zoda, Pomelo 500ml P14.50/bot Quick Chow Instant Beef Mami, Chicken Hot Mami, Instant Mami Chicken 50g P4.20/pk	Del Monte Sweetened Pine Juice Drink 1380ml P36.30/con Pine Orange 1380ml P36.50/con Pine Sliced Flat 234g P16.75/con Pine Chunks Flat, Pine Tidbits Flat 234g P16.10/con	Campbell's Pork & Beans 453g P38.50/con Chicken Noodle 304g P37.00/con Broccoli Cheese 304g P62.50/con Cream Of Asparagus 304g P51.50/con Cheddar Cheese 304g P70.50/con	Doña Elena Red Wine 750ml P105.00/bot Mistral Rouge Dessert Wine 750ml P125.00/bot	Doritos Taco, Nacho Cheddar, Serrano Block 198g P73.50/pk Baked Doritos Nacho 220g P94.00/pk Planters Cheese Curls 127g P49.50/con Potato Chips 80g P56.50/con
Baker's Bread 400g P25.20/pk Econo Loaf Bread 400g P31.45/pk Whole Wheat Bread 400g P32.85/pk Peanut Butter Creamy/Chunky 340g P74.50/bot 510.3g P111.10/bot	Falcon's Valley Fruit Cocktail 820g P60.80/con Jolly Tropical Fruit Cocktail w/ Guava 850g P34.50/con Mandarin Orange 425.5g P26.50/con	Comstock Strawberry Pie Filling 595.4g P92.50/con Knox Gelatin Unflavored 28.35g P55.54/pk 336.8g P375.50/bot	Colman's Mustard 180g P57.00/bot Cajun Mustard 180g P57.00/bot Mustard Powder 453g P229.00/con	Golden Grain Linguine 453g P38.50/con Long Spaghetti, Long Vermicelli, Thin Spaghetti 453g P34.50/con Ragu Rich & Meaty Mama's Meat Sauce, Sausage & Pepper, Classic Italian 907.2g P185.50/bot	Vochelle White Chocolate Pouch, Almond, Assorted Nut 80g P45.50/pk Yame Pudding Assorted Flavor 658g P45.50/pk	S&W Whole Kernel Corn 432.3g P25.50/con Cream Style Corn 418.2g P25.50/con Sun-Maid Raisins 100g P18.75/pk
Downy Ultra Clean Breeze, Mountain Spring, April Fresh 1.8L P363.60/bag April Fresh 600ml P148.00/bag 1.2L P252.50/bag	Ariel Power Wash Suspend Fresh, Ultramatic 800g P111.75/bag Safequid Soap Cleanser 150g P33.75/con Pampers Comfort XL 34x L 36x P291.45/bag	Nestle Premier White Baking Bars 170.1g P105.50/bot Jacobsons Cookies Assorted 227g P84.50/pk	Doña Maria Pitted Black Olives, Sliced Black Olives 330g P90.00/bot Jolly Canela Oil 2L P168.00/bot Corn Oil 2L P180.50/bot	Moliner Natural Chick Pea, Green Pea, Lentils, White Beans, Red Kidney Beans 400g P23.00/con 2-Beans Bottom Mushrooms 425g P25.50/con	Maxwell House Instant Coffee 220g P195.50/bot 340g P300.50/bot Instant Decaf 220g P240.50/bot Carnation CoffeeMate 311g P90.50/bot 453g P120.50/bot	Nabisco Chips Ahoy 453g P130.50/pk Reduced Fat 610.3g P155.50/pk Oreo Reduced Fat 510.3g P150.50/pk
Downy Ultra Clean Breeze, Mountain Spring, April Fresh 1.8L P363.60/bag April Fresh 600ml P148.00/bag 1.2L P252.50/bag	Ariel Power Wash Suspend Fresh, Ultramatic 800g P111.75/bag Safequid Soap Cleanser 150g P33.75/con Pampers Comfort XL 34x L 36x P291.45/bag	Colgate Fresh Confidence, Plus Whitening 50ml P25.20/con 100ml P40.10/con 150ml P58.80/con	Modess Silky Dry 8's P27.70/pk Cottony Soft Maxi, Light Blue 8's P19.10/pk	Astring-O-Sol Gold, Freshmint 40ml P43.95/bot 120ml P74.65/bot 250ml P128.15/bot 360ml P162.80/bot Ice cream P37.30/bot 120ml P62.80/bot 250ml P112.35/bot Specialist 120ml P93.10/bot	Kleenex Bathroom Tissue 200 Sheets 2ply 12pk P158.70/bag 4pk P55.15/bag	Sanicare Bathroom Tissue 400 Sheets 2ply 400x120 P111.40/bot Extra Table Napkin Folded 350x P82.95/pk Jade Table Napkin Folded 350x P71.75/pk

ENTERTAINMENT Metro

Text us your feedback: inquirer.ent name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)



REGINE'S REIGNING SEASON

Tonight and tomorrow night at the Araneta Coliseum, Regine Velasquez's concert "Reigning Still" will happen after the songbird's four years of absence from the concert scene. For the concert, Regine was present in every pre-production meeting, brainstormings, etc. "I really want this concert to be my most spectacular ever," shares the singer who, aside from being the show's star, is also its stage director. Her guests in "Reigning Still" are Ariel Rivera, Sarah Geronimo, Rachel Ann Go, Sheryn Regis, Kyla, Francis M, Andrew E, SM Chorale and Hotlegs. Raul Mitra is the musical director. "Reigning Still" is presented by Smart, Progress Gold and Cafe Lupe. The concert is staged by Aria Productions headed by Regine's manager, Caca Velasquez-Mitra. Tickets are available at SM Ticketnet (911-5555).

Ronnie Lazaro finally spreads his wings and starts to fly

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THE ACTOR who won the Best Supporting trophy as the Muslim datu in Marilou Diaz-Abaya's "Bagong Buwan" has been through an interesting evolution.

Born in Fabrica, Sagay City in Negros Occidental, Lazaro had a two-year singing stint in the tenor section of the La Salle (Bacolod) Glee Club, during which he got to sing "I Have Dreamed" as Lun Tha in a local production of "The King and I."

One Manny Julian discovered his theater potential in Bacolod, then he did improvisational plays with Peque Gallaga, and soon he was good enough to play the role of the caretaker in the Lino Brocka film, "Gumising Ka, Maruja," which was shot in Bacolod.

"That was my first film. When I saw it at Era Theater in Bacolod later, I couldn't help telling myself, 'Finally I am immortalized.'"

The actor turned 47 last November 14. He is "deep in marital bliss" with his wife Lola, and is the father of a six-year-old boy, Gabriel. "I am still overwhelmed every time I see my son," he gushes. "I never thought I'd ever be a father; that is why I try to be a good one."

Ronnie is thankful for a lot of good projects coming his way at this time. He is in Lav Diaz's 10-hour opus, "The Evolution of the Filipino Family." He is in four of the entries to the Cine Malaya short film competition and, foremost of all, he reprises the role of the *taong grasa* (village idiot) in "Ang Panaghoy Sa Suba (The Call of the River)," a movie that Cesar Montano directs.

Soft spot

Of the Cine Malaya entries, his interest is keenest in a film titled "Baroque," which is about the ubiquitous videoke, and how it changed life in a barrio. He plays the role of the barrio captain who accepts a videoke as payment for a debt incurred by a friend who passed away.

Needless to say, Ronnie has a soft spot for independent filmmakers. "I like to invest in them because our film industry needs new blood," he says. "They might be the answer to



GIVING ACTING a good name. Lazaro as an Indio insurgent in the Raymund Red film "Sakay"

the present economic crisis plaguing the business. (But) basically, I like acting in independent films because I am more relaxed, I have more leeway to be more creative and I discover new things about acting."

One such short film he appeared in—"Anino," directed by Raymund Red—became the first Filipino film to win a major award in Cannes. The Lav Diaz opus will be shown at the UP Film Center on Dec. 17. The actor points out: "You have to give to the filmmaker. (Lav) is the only filmmaker in the entire world who does that (five-to 10-hour movies) and still gets good reviews from USA's Variety Magazine. I like working with him as well. With filmmakers of his kind, the actor is free to experiment; he doesn't have to perform, he can just be the character."

Thus far, Ronnie Lazaro is clearly in the league of Pen Medina and Nontie Buencamino, who give theater a good name and who have

both shone even more brightly in movies.




Sinner and saint

"Acting allows me to become both sinner and saint," Ronnie says. He has done the life of San Lorenzo Ruiz on stage, Chekhov's "Seagull" and Calderon's "Tatlong Parusa, Isang Sentensiya," among others.

His sad observation is that stage actors are effectively exploited in film projects. "Big film companies save a lot of money hiring stage actors, who are fast and efficient. But they get paid less than they deserve. Without theater people, *walang kulay* ang film industry. They hardly earn anything from stage work; they should get their rightful due in film assignments."

Ronnie's greatest acting challenge to dare should be his work in "Panaghoy." The character is a quiet observer of life in a village by the

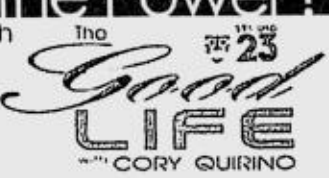
RONNIE/2

present

You've Got the Power!

In cooperation with



A day of wellness and beauty

Saturday, 4 December, 2004
Atrium A, Upper Ground Floor,
SM Megamall

BODY WORKOUT COMPETITION

Les Mills Aerobics Marathon
(Body Combat/ Jam Balance/ Body Pump)

Special awards & exciting prizes await winners

Free Registration - 10 am

Cardio Striptease warm-up
by Rizza Colmenarez of Bolia Studio

Competition - 10:30 am

PROGRAM

Women's Hormonal Health with Dr. Becky Singson

Nutritional Well-Being with Dr. Rodolfo Florentino

Cosmetic Make-Over by L'Oreal




Optimum Health in the Prevention of Illness
with Dr. Victor Yusuba

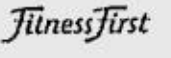
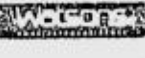

Yoga with Ms. Ana Price

Self-Empowerment with Cory Gutlino

FREE ADMISSION

Also brought to you by



in association with




proudly presents

MARTIN NIEVERA

in a brass-kicking christmas concert



December 10, 2004
Friday • 8:30 pm

PICC Plenary Hall
CCP Complex, Pasay City

Tickets at
P600 • P900 • P1350 • P1800
(plus 5% ticketron service charge)

Available at

TICKETWORLD
National
891-5610 / 891-9999

TOWER RECORDS
MAKATI ALABANG

PICC TICKETRON
551-7920

FOR INQUIRIES CALL
MADE EDA
551-7777

NU107 CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS OF THE 2004 ROCK AWARDS

Best New Artist: **ORANGE & LEMONS**

Band of the Year: **BAMBOO**

Song of the Year: **NOVA** by **BAMBOO**

Album of the Year: **INFLUENCE** by **URBANDUS**

Best Music Video: **ASTRO** by **RADIOACTIVE SAGO PROJECT**
directed by **RA RIVERA**

Best Album Packaging: **NOVENA** by **SLAPSHOCK**
design by **WILLIE A. MONZON** and
TEAM MANILA GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDIO

Vocalist of the Year: **BAMBOO MAÑALAC** of **BAMBOO**

Guitarist of the Year: **JEAROME VELASCO** of **THE MONDOLS**

Bassist of the Year: **BUDDY ZABALA** of **TWISTED HALO & CAMERO**

Drummer of the Year: **VIC MERCADO** of **BAMBOO**

Producer of the Year: **BANDWICH** for
THANKS TO THE MOON'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL

Raw Award: **THE LATE ISABEL**



Listeners Choice Award: **BAMBOO**

Rising Sun Award: **SPONGE COLA**



Female Rock Icon: **CYNTHIA ALEXANDER**

Hall of Fame: **THE JEKKS**

Presented by

Also brought to you by

Official Music Channel

RENÉE ZELLWEGER HUGH GRANT COLIN FIRTH

BRIDGET JONES

THE EDGE OF REASON

SAME BRIDGET. BRAND NEW DIARY.



I **whattowatch** I

—THE—
PODIUM
CINEMA

For Seat Reservation, call 633 8976
LATE NIGHT SCREENING
DURING FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

1 ALEXANDER

2 BRIDGET JONES 2

SM Bicutan
Cinema 1

SM Tutuban
Cinema 1

SM Supercenter Sucat
Cinema 3

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 3

SM Southmall
Cinema 8

SM Fairview
Cinema 4

ALEXANDER

SM Manila
Cinema 4

SM North Edsa
Cinema 8

SM Megamall
Cinema 3

BCUZ OF U

SM North Edsa
Cinema 3

SM Megamall
Cinema 11

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 9

SM Southmall
Cinema 10

SM Fairview
Cinema 5

SM Manila
Cinema 12

SM Tutuban
Cinema 4

SM Bicutan
Cinema 3

BRIDGET JONES 2

SM Southmall
Cinema 4

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 4

SM Manila
Cinema 6

SM Fairview
Cinema 7

SM Megamall
Cinema 9

SM North Edsa
Cinema 5

NATIONAL TREASURE

SM Manila
Cinema 1

SM North Edsa
Cinema 7

SM Megamall
Cinema 4

SM City Sta. Mesa
Cinema 5

SM Southmall
Cinema 2

SM Sucat
Cinema 4

SM Fairview
Cinema 9

PA-SIYAM

SM Bicutan
Cinema 2

SM Sucat
Cinema 2

SM Tutuban
Cinema 3

SM Southmall
Cinema 7

SM Megamall
Cinema 8

SM Fairview
Cinema 6

SM Manila
Cinema 9

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 1

SM North Edsa
Cinema 1

THE POLAR EXPRESS

SM Manila
Cinema 3

SM North Edsa
Cinema 2

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 7

SM Southmall
Cinema 1

SM Fairview
Cinema 8

SM Megamall
Cinema 2

SM Sucat
Cinema 1

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS

SM Fairview
Cinema 11

AFTER THE SUNSET

SM Manila
Cinema 2

SM Megamall
Cinema 1

SM Fairview
Cinema 10

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 6

SM Southmall
Cinema 3

HELLWOLF

SUBJECT TO MTRCB RATING

SM Manila
Cinema 8

SM Megamall
Cinema 7

THE INCREDIBLES

MTRCB RATING: G

SM Manila
Cinema 11

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 2

SM Megamall
Cinema 6

SM North Edsa
Cinema 6

SM Southmall
Cinema 5

SM Fairview
Cinema 2

SANTA SANTITA

MTRCB RATING: PG13

SM Manila
Cinema 5

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 10

SM Southmall
Cinema 9

SM Fairview
Cinema 1

SM Megamall
Cinema 12

SM North Edsa
Cinema 4

SAW

MTRCB RATING: R13

SM Manila
Cinema 10

SM Megamall
Cinema 5

SM Southmall
Cinema 6

SM Sta. Mesa
Cinema 8

SM Fairview
Cinema 3

Movies are subject to change without prior notice. For complete movie schedule, visit www.smcinema.com

Collect 6 Go!100 & get a for FREE!

Collect 6 Go!100 with "Go! See A Movie" label and exchange them for 1 deluxe SM Cinema Movie Card.

Promo Period:
November 15, 2004 - February 28, 2005

EASTERN TELECOM

SM CINEMA

Per DTH-NCR Permit No. 2229 Series 2004

PARTY and save the world at the same time? That's what a bunch of the country's biggest celebrities has done in the concert "Motown in Motion," held recently at The Fort. On Sunday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 p.m., ABS-CBN airs the concert, after "Ang Tanging Ina: The Series."

"Motown in Motion" features some of the country's top performers in a concert to benefit the Bantay Kalikasan La Mesa Watershed and Eco Park project. The project aims to convert the watershed into a nature park and biodiversity reserve for educational purposes and appreciation. The park boasts of a lagoon, biking trails and picnic areas.

Performing in "Motown in Motion" are Keith Martin, Rico J. Puno, Hajji Alejandro, Vernie Varga, Richard Merk, Agot Isidro and Ayen Munji-Laurel, Bituin Escalante, Kyla, Nina, Christian Bautista, King, Akafellas, Frenchie Dy, Sheryn Regis and Nyco Maca, as well as acclaimed actors Christopher de Leon, Michael de Mesa and Tirso Cruz III. Also featured is Spirit of '67. The event will be hosted by Ariel Ureta and Mitch Valdez.

'Motown in Motion'



IN MOTION. (From left) Bituin Escalante, Nyco Maca, Frenchie Dy and Sheryn Regis

Ronnie Lazaro finally spreads his wings...

From page 1

river, and is really like a prophet: He sees the village's peaceful and idyllic life, and then witnesses the horrors of war. Having gone without a bath for months, he takes a symbolic plunge into the river to symbolize the end of the war and the beginning of a new life for the village. "They have to paint me really dark for the part—dirty all over. I even asked for real dried fish to wear on my body, to attract flies. I didn't simply want to look like a village idiot; I wanted to smell like one. It helps when all the senses—smell, touch, sight—are in perfect coordination. Of course Cesar (Montano) helped me explore the role. I always welcome suggestions, otherwise I might miss out on some interesting aspects. After all, you can't act alone; you have to be part of an ensemble."

Unforgettable role

Lazaro got his first acting nomination for his work as the young guerilla leader in Peque Gallaga's "Oro, Plata, Mata."

Violation of youthful innocence is

what he went through in Tikoy Aguiluz's "Boatman." It was a role that turned his life inside out. His intense acting earned him another award nomination, but he lost to Jay Ilagan (who starred in "Stella L").

"Boatman" was one assignment he can never forget. He relates: "One month before the camera started grinding, I went to Pagsanjan to immerse and be a real boatman. I ate there, slept there, had drinks with real boatmen and learned how to row. I didn't want to act like a boatman. I wanted to be one. The trouble is, two months after finishing the film, I was still playing the part. I had to learn to shed my screen role."

That role went beyond Pagsanjan river and ended in Manila where the character sold body and soul in a live show act just to survive. This was a jolt for him. "Talagang nandiri ako (I found it very offensive)," Ronnie recalls. "I didn't want to finish the film, but (actress) Betty Mae Piccio prodded me to."

The film got good media reviews. Korina Sanchez referred to "Boat-



THE VILLAGE idiot in "Panaghyo Sa Suba" (Call of the River), directed by Cesar Montano for the Metro Manila Film Festival

man" as one of the best local art films ever.

Ronnie considers the period following "Boatman" as the most trying and difficult in his career. "There were no other projects. It seemed I was

fighting with everybody—classic case of me against the world. It was the lowest phase of my life. It seemed only Joel Torre believed in me. I guess I dug deep into an imaginary grave to give me a very strong motivation to be reborn."

He went back to where he started—the theater. It was a good decision—it made him want to hone his craft further, regardless of whether or not he got good projects as a result.

Time to heal

It was also the time he started to heal, and he was off to a second start when neighbor Mitch Valdez introduced him to meditation. "That was another turning point in my life," he says. "I learned to forgive not just others but mainly myself, I learned to love myself and realized I couldn't love until I could care for myself as well. I got rid of a lot of mental baggage and started to have a peaceful and meaningful life."

Soon he was back to the silver screen, and he even got to appear in foreign projects (a remake of "Return from the River Kwai" and some Chuck Norris movies) and was soon active both on stage and television.

Exactly what is it like when an actor is struck with assorted mental baggage?

Ronnie says: "When you are weighed down by anything, you can't take off, you cannot spread your wings and fly to where you want to go. When an actor has learned to forgive, he becomes more relaxed. That is the time his most creative moments begin. Burdens prevent you from moving forward."

MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

CHANG CINEPLEX	Filinvest	EASTWOOD CINEMAS
Telephone: 633.2227 / 633.7451 loc. 171	(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72	(Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave (C-5) Quezon City) tel 687.6963 or 72
1 (00:00) PREMIERE THEATRE THE INCREDIBLES GP	1 (00:00) ALEXANDER	1 (00:00) BRIDGET JONES DIARY 2
2 (00:00) BRIDGET JONES PG13	2 (00:00) NATIONAL TREASURE	2 (00:00) ALEXANDER
3 (00:00) POLAR EXPRESS GP	3 (01:00) POLAR EXPRESS	3 (00:00) NATIONAL TREASURE
4 (00:00) NATIONAL TREASURE GP	4 (00:00) BRIDGET JONES	4 (00:00) THE POLAR EXPRESS
5 (00:00) ALEXANDER	5 (00:00) SEED OF CHUCKY	
6 (00:00) NATIONAL TREASURE GP	6 (00:00) NATIONAL TREASURE	
7 (00:00) ALEXANDER	7 (00:00) ALEXANDER	
8 (00:00) BCUZ OF U	8 (00:00) BCUZ OF U	
9 (00:00) PASIYAM	9 (00:00) PASIYAM	
10 (00:00) HELLWOLF	10 (00:00) HELLWOLF	
SUPER CINERAMA	THE CENTER OF ENTERTAINMENT	4MALL CINEPLEX
CINERAMA COMPLEX RECTO tel 733.4238	(Mandaluyong) tel 911-3101 loc. 8242 / 8261 / 8397	tel 911-3101 loc. 8242 / 8261 / 8397
1 (00:00) ALEXANDER	3 (Dolby) ALEXANDER	4 (Dolby) NATIONAL TREASURE
2. NAKAW NA SANDALI	5 (DTS) SEED OF CHUCKY	5 (Dolby) PA SIYAM
3. NATIONAL TREASURE	6 (Dolby) PASIYAM	6 (Dolby) BCUZ OF U
4. PASIYAM		
5. RESERVED		
Gotesco Grand Central	Masagana CINEMA	st rmall
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781	(Pasay) tel 833.3290 / 833.3274	www.clickthecity.com.ph (Mandaluyong) tel 724.4906
1. RESERVE	1. NAKAW NA SANDALI	1. RESERVED
2. RESERVE	2. PASIYAM	2. RESERVED
3. RESERVE	3. ALEXANDER	3. PASIYAM
4 (00:00) RESERVE		4. ALEXANDER
5 (00:00) RESERVE		5. NAKAW NA SANDALI
6 (00:00) RESERVE		6. PASIYAM
7 (01:00) RESERVE		7. BCUZ OF U
8. RESERVE		8. ALEXANDER
9. RESERVE		
Berma Cinema	Mandayong	METROPOLIS
(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029	tel 533.3851 / 533.3856	www.clickthecity.com.ph (Alabang) tel 850.4285
1. NAKAW NA SANDALI	1. TAXI	1. SEED OF CHUCKY
2. OUT OF REACH	2. SAPLOT	2. NAKAW NA SANDALI
	3. SAW	3. PASIYAM
		4. BCUZ OF U
		5 (00:00) ALEXANDER
		6. NATIONAL TREASURE
Lianas Cinema	st rmall	
(Alabang) tel 850.1276	www.clickthecity.com.ph (Las Pinas) tel (047) 237.7007	
1 (00:00) MARITAL RAPE	1 (00:00) SHARK TALE	
2. NAKAW NA SANDALI	2. SANTA SANTITA	
3. MINSAN PA		
4 (00:00) RESIDENT EVIL		

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

'WWW.scom' for Marinduqueños

SATURDAY, Dec. 4, is a day for Marinduqueños when they stage "WWW.scom" at the William J. Shaw Pavilion, Wack Wack Golf and Country Club on Shaw Boulevard in Mandaluyong City.

The show is part of the "Alay Alalay" project of the socio-civic group Club Marinduque Inc. Every year, the club holds an event to raise funds for the club's projects, such as dental and medical treatment clinics for the people of Marinduque, rehabilitation of old deep well pumps as well as construction of new sources of potable water in the far-flung barangays, and academic scholarships in technical and vocational courses for deserving students from poor families.

The benefit show, "WWW.scom (Witty, Wacky Willie—That's Comedy)," is a night of laughter and dancing to the music of yesteryears. The show will feature the great impersonator Willie Nepomuceno, the famous Rockin' Revival band, and percussionist Audrey Cruz.

Club Marinduque thanks Shell Philippines, Pagoda Philippines and their friends.

'Tis season to be jolly at Merk's this month

'TIS the season to be jolly, especially at Merk's Bar Bistro.

Acoustic Jive kicked it off on Dec. 1 and returns on Dec. 9, 23 and 30.

The pop group Forte brings the music on Dec. 3 and 17.

Cruzin' takes center stage on Dec. 4, 10, 15, 16, 18 and 31, while Route 70 plays on all Tuesdays of December as well as on Dec. 11.

Voice of Asia winner Ladine Roxas spices up Mondays with Trio. Catch Merk & Friends featuring Richard Merk, Sandra Lim and Eddie Katindig on Dec. 8, 22 and 29. Romy Posadas and Mae take turns in wowing the Happy Hour crowd.

Merk's Bar Bistro is on the third level of Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati City. Visit the website www.merksbarbistro.com for more bar bistro news. Music-lovers can e-mail Merk's at mail@merksbarbistro.com.



CRUZIN'

For more information, call Merk's at 757-4720 or 757-4721. For daily gig schedules, text etc gig merks, send to 2333 (Globe) & 225 (Smart).

Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave. (C-5) Quezon City

For inquiries, call
687-6963
GUARANTEED SEATS
MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

BRIDGET JONES DIARY 2
10:30, 12:45, 3:15,
5:45, 8:15, 11:00
PG-13

ALEXANDER
11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10:15
R-13

NATIONAL TREASURE
11:20, 2:05, 4:50,
7:35, 10:20
G

THE POLAR EXPRESS
10:30, 12:45, 3:15,
5:45, 8:15, 10:45
G

Rockwell Center, Makati City Tel. No. 8981440-41

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS
GP
12:00, 1:55, 3:50,
5:50, 7:50, 9:50

NATIONAL TREASURE
GP
11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

BRIDGET JONES
PG-13
12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

ALEXANDER
R-13
12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20

SEED OF CHUCKY
R-18
12:00, 2:00, 4:00,
6:00, 8:00, 10:00

POLAR EXPRESS
GP
12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40

MATINEE SCREENINGS BEFORE 5:00 P.M. - P80.00 - MON - FRI

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE



CINEMA ACCESS
635-5555
FOR ALL BRANCHES

www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

METRO MANILA CINEMAS

GALLERIA 632-9115/16

1 ALEXANDER • THX 11:40 3:00 6:20 9:40	6 NATIONAL TREASURE 10:40 1:30 4:20 7:10 10:00
2 ALEXANDER 12:10 3:30 6:50 10:10	7 BCUZ OF U 11:45 2:20 4:55 7:30 10:00
3 SEED OF CHUCKY 10:20 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	8 HELLWOLF 10:45 1:00 3:15 5:30 7:45 10:00
4 PA-SIYAM 10:45 1:00 3:15 5:30 7:45 10:00	9 THE POLAR EXPRESS 11:10 1:20 3:30 5:40 7:50 10:00
5 BRIDGET JONES 2 10:20 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	10 THE INCREDIBLES 11:40 2:10 4:40 7:10 9:40

TERMITA 638-7809 to 12

1 PA-SIYAM 10:15 12:15 2:15 4:20 6:25 8:25 10:00	5 NATIONAL TREASURE 1:35 4:10 6:45 9:40
2 HELLWOLF 1:05 3:15 5:25 7:35 9:50	6 BRIDGET JONES 2 10:15 12:30 2:50 5:10 7:30 9:50
3 ALEXANDER 2:40 3:05 9:40	7 RESERVE
4 SEED OF CHUCKY 10:15 12:15 2:15 4:20 6:25 8:25 10:00	

METRO EAST 682-8183/89 • 682-8280

1 BCUZ OF U 10:20 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00	5 HELLWOLF 10:50 12:50 2:50 4:50 6:50 8:50 10:30
2 NATIONAL TREASURE 12:20 1:15 6:10 9:05	6 BRIDGET JONES 2 1:50 2:30 5:10 7:50 10:30
3 THE POLAR EXPRESS 10:50 12:50 2:50 4:50 6:50 9:00	7 ALEXANDER 12:40 4:00 7:20 10:30
4 THE INCREDIBLES 11:00 1:30 3:00 5:30 8:00	8 PA-SIYAM 10:25 12:40 3:00 5:20 7:40 10:00

NOVALICHES 835-3229/31

1 ALEXANDER 10:40 1:50 5:00 8:15	5 BRIDGET JONES 2 11:00 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 8:55
2 NATIONAL TREASURE 10:30 1:00 3:30 6:00 9:30	6 THE POLAR EXPRESS 10:45 1:05 3:30 5:55 8:20
3 PA-SIYAM 1:00 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 8:55	7 THE INCREDIBLES 10:30 1:00 3:30 6:00 9:30
4 BCUZ OF U 10:30 1:00 3:30 6:00 9:30	8 SEED OF CHUCKY 11:00 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 8:55

What's Happening

PET HOLIDAY
Family Fun Time

JOIN THE FUN WITH YOUR PETS...

- Make a portrait of your pet in Pet Drawing Activity
- Enjoy literary as we read some poems about pets and sing along with your family in Literary Sharing
- Know more about animals and their behaviors in Animal Trivia
- Learn the right way to pamper your pets in Animal Care Tips
- Watch some pets as they strut their cute costumes on stage and show some tricks in Animal Scene

December 4 (Saturday)
Robinsons Movieworld GALLERIA Cinema Lobby

PIONEER 687-6378

1 ALEXANDER 10:30 1:50 5:10 8:30	3 NATIONAL TREASURE 12:05 2:55 5:45 8:45
2 BRIDGET JONES 2 1:40 3:00 4:20 5:4 9:00	4 THE POLAR EXPRESS 11:40 2:00 4:20 6:40 9:00

Citissquare MALABON 288-0985 / 2575

1 TAXI 11:30 1:45 4:00 6:15 8:30	3 BCUZ OF U 11:10 1:30 3:50 6:10 8:30
2 THE INCREDIBLES 11:10 1:30 3:50 6:10 8:30	4 DARKNESS 11:45 1:55 4:05 6:15 8:30

CAINTA 240-4661

1 NATIONAL TREASURE 1:15 1:10 5:05 8:00	3 PA-SIYAM 11:30 1:50 4:10 6:30 8:50
2 ALEXANDER 1:50 5:15 8:35	4 BRIDGET JONES 2 12:50 3:30 6:10 8:50

The Perfect Gift
All Year Round

A Pre Paid Movie Pass to the Hottest Seats in town.

Get Special discounts for volume purchases!
For marketing and events/reservations please call:
Marketing Services Department at 687-7945 to 47 locals 14 and 15

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

ALL MALL GINEPLEX

3 **ALEXANDER**
1:40 pm 5:10 pm 8:40 pm

4 **NATIONAL TREASURE**
12:45 pm 3:30 pm 6:15 pm 9:00 pm

5 **SEED OF CHUCKY**
11:30 am 1:50 pm 4:10 pm 6:30 pm 8:50 pm

6 **PA SIYAM**
11:20 am 1:40 pm 4:00 pm 6:20 pm 8:40 pm

7 **BCUZ OF U**
12:20 pm 2:30 pm 4:40 pm 6:50 pm 9:00 pm

NEW FIESTA CARNIVAL
OPEN TODAY 4 PM to 10 PM

ARANETA COLISEUM

Dec 3 REGINE VELASQUEZ CONCERT
Dec 4 REGINE VELASQUEZ CONCERT
Dec 5 STA LUCIA vs SHELL
Dec 8 LEA SALONGA CONCERT
Dec 10 PUREFOODS vs STA LUCIA

For more info, call 687-1555

MANILA

EASTERN
MAXIM CLOSE
MIRAMAR SEX BOMB / RAMPADORA
ODEON X-MEN 2
ODEON-2 BUKIDAY BASA / KASIBULAN
ROBEN BOLD STAR
TANDEM-1 SUGAT
TANDEM-2 KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES SPY: LEGION OF GENDARMES

QUEZON CITY

ACT-1 SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2 KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3 ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4 HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET A KERIDA / SUKULAN
CORONET B A MAN APART
QUEZON-1 BERTUD NG PUTIK
REMAR X-MEN 2
REMAR-2 BOLD STAR

NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA

A SUGAT
B CLOSED
C

MANDALUYONG CITY

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL 635-2079 / 633-7851 TO 70
NEW 1234 ALEXANDER BRIDGET JONES POLAR EXPRESS NATIONAL TREASURE
PREMIERE THEATRE THE INCREDIBLES

CAINTA RIZAL

STA. LUCIA EAST (681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1 SAW
CINEMA-2 NAKAW NA SANDALI
CINEMA-3 NATIONAL TREASURE
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) POLAR EXPRESS
CINEMA-5 (DTS) CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
CINEMA-6 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
CINEMA-7 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
CINEMA-8 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
CINEMA-9 (DTS) BRIDGET JONES 2
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL) ALEXANDER
CINEMA-11 (DTS) SEED OF CHUCKY
CINEMA-12 HELLWOLF
CINEMA-14 PA SIYAM
CINEMA-15 BCUZ OF U

LORES

CINEMA-2 SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-3 KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT

NE CINEMAGIC - CABANATUAN

(LAS PINAS) BUHINE SUPREMACY
CINEMA-1 FENG SHUI
CINEMA-2 SECRET WINDOW
CINEMA-4 BAY KUYA MANGIT 2

UNIWE COASTAL MALL

(PAHANAQUE) SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-1 KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
CINEMA-2 MEN IN BLACK II
CINEMA-4 SELCA

st small
Tel. No. 726.61.50

3 Alexander
4 National Treasure
5 Bcuz of U

METROPOLIS
Tel. No. 850.42.85

1 Minsan Pa
2 Nakaw na Sandali
3 Alexander
4 Bcuz of U
5 National Treasure
6 Polar Express

Everyday Family Day!
@ Metropolis Cinema
Get Free Items Worth Tokens for every ticket purchase

st small
Tel. No. 873.50.04

1 Out of Reach
2 Bcuz of U

For movie schedules visit www.clickthecity.com

GREENHILLS

a landmark reinvented!

CINEMA 1 BRIDGET JONES 2 PG13
11:35, 1:55, 4:15, 6:35, 9:00

CINEMA 2 ALEXANDER R13
10:25, 1:50, 5:20, 8:50

TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA • 7224496

MUSIC MUSEUM DECEMBER 2-4 CABARET 8PM
FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS. CALL: 721-6726 OR 721-0635

1 ALEXANDER
R-13/FS 11:30AM 3:00PM 6:30PM LMF 10:00 PM

2 BRIDGET JONES : The Edge of Reason
PG-13/FS 11:45AM 2:15PM 4:45PM 7:15PM LMF 9:45 PM

3 POLAR EXPRESS
GP/FS 11:30AM 2:00PM 4:30PM 7:00PM LMF 9:30 PM

4 NATIONAL TREASURE
GP/FS 11:30AM 1:45PM 4:15PM 6:45PM 9:15PM LMF 10:00 PM

PREMIERE THEATRE THE INCREDIBLES
GP/FS 11:30AM 2:00PM 4:30PM 7:00PM LMF 9:30 PM

Regular Ticket Prices:
Cinema 1 to 4 P150
Premiere Theatre P295 includes hot/cold popcorn and drink

Enjoy our Screen Specials
Pay 20% less on Matinee Shows except on selected blockbuster movies From Monday to Friday Matinee Shows before 4 p.m.
For more details please see film listing at the Shang Cineplex ticket location or call 633-2277 or 633-1851 local 171

Shangri-La Plaza

ENTERTAINMENT Metro

Text us your feedback: inquirer.ent name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

Howard directs Hanks in 'The Da Vinci Code'

LOS ANGELES—Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks has been cast to star in an upcoming movie adaptation of Dan Brown's best-selling mystery, "The Da Vinci Code," film studio Columbia Pictures said on Tuesday.

Hanks will play the role of Robert Langdon, the Harvard professor who undertakes a modern-day quest for the Holy Grail in a thriller steeped in purported secrets about the early Christian church.

The film will be directed by Ron Howard from a screenplay by Akiva Goldman and produced by Howard's business partner, Brian Grazer, the same team behind the 2001 Oscar-winning film, "A Beautiful Mind."



HANKS



HOWARD

The studio, a unit of Japanese electronics firm Sony Corp., said the film is slated for release on May 19, 2006. Sony Pictures Entertainment Motion Picture Group Chair Amy Pascal called it "the cornerstone" of the studio's movie slate for that year.

First objective

"The potential that exists through this collaboration of material and talent is extraordinary," Pascal said. She added that the first objective "is to be as faithful as possible to the book and respectful of the fans who love it worldwide."

The book has been on nationwide bestseller lists almost nonstop since it was first published by Doubleday in

2003, including 87 weeks at the top of the New York Times bestseller list. The studio said more than 20 million copies of the novel are in print worldwide.

According to trade publications, the studio acquired rights to Brown's book last year in a reported seven-figure deal brokered by then-Columbia executive John Calley before he stepped down as chair and CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment.

The 48-year-old Hanks, currently featured in the animated holiday feature "The Polar Express," previously teamed up with Howard and Grazer in the space drama "Apollo 13" and his breakthrough comedy film "Splash."

Reuters

Which 'Jeopardy!' whiz finally meets his match after 74 games?

NEW YORK—"Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings finally met his match after a 74-game run in which he became the biggest winner in TV game show history with a haul of \$2,520,700.

The pop culture icon who made brainiacs cool was beaten by a woman whose own 8-year-old daughter asked for his autograph when they first met.

Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year.

The correct reply: "What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, ending his remarkable run on the TV quiz show in which contestants are given an answer and have to come up with the correct response in the form of a question.

Having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid off big-time for his conqueror, California real estate agent Nancy Zerg, who ousted the baby-faced killer competitor in the episode airing Tuesday.

Where credit's due

During his streak that began June 2, Jennings usually had opponents so thoroughly beaten that the Final Jeopardy question was meaningless to the outcome.

But Zerg was within striking range at that point, with \$10,000 to Jennings' \$14,400.

The champion had to think; out of the corner of his eye, he noticed Zerg had quickly written her reply.

"I was pretty sure before the music ended that was the ballgame," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Her correct reply gave Zerg \$14,001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

Slight pause

Even before that, she had needed an un-

usual display of Jennings' fallibility to stay in the game. He twice answered wrong on Daily Double questions, which give contestants a chance to make big wagers and increase their leads.

Maybe that's why he paused, ever so slightly, when asked in the AP interview Tuesday whether he had lost or been beaten. He then graciously gave Zerg credit.

"I would have dwelt on it if I missed something that I knew or didn't phrase it in the form of a question," said Jennings, a computer software engineer from Salt Lake City.

"It was a big relief to me that I lost to someone who played a better game than me," Jennings added.

No great sin

Zerg, a former actress who lives in Ventura, California, told the AP that she psyched herself up before the game by repeating to herself: "Someone's got to beat him sometime, it might as well be me."

Hanging out backstage with fellow contestants, she saw some Jennings opponents had essentially lost before the game. She heard one person say that it looked like he was playing for second, and another just wishing not to be humiliated.

"I heard another one say, 'It's no great sin to lose to Ken Jennings,' and they went in and lost to Ken Jennings," she said. "I thought, 'That's no way to play the game.'"

Jennings' streak was made possible last fall when the quiz show started its 20th season by changing its longtime rule that said a champion must leave after five straight wins. Now a player stays until losing.

Jennings' average daily haul was \$34,063.51. He gave more than 2,700 correct responses.

The hard part

He combined an extraordinary breadth of



KEN JENNINGS combined an extraordinary breadth of knowledge, uncanny skill at sensing the precise instant to ring his buzzer, and a sharp competitive instinct hidden behind his grin and polite manner.

The answer he missed: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal employees work only four months a year

knowledge, uncanny skill at sensing the precise instant to ring his buzzer, and a sharp competitive instinct hidden behind his grin and polite manner.

It made many of the games boring. But "Jeopardy!" executives aren't complaining; ratings were up 22 percent over the same period last time.

Jennings said he'd been thinking about walking away after some future milestone—100 wins, perhaps, or \$3 million or \$4 million in winnings. He said there were about a dozen games where one reply made the difference between winning and losing.

"The fact that they had all fallen my way was beginning to worry me," he said, "because at some point the law of averages was going to kick in."

He wasn't prepared for how much he'd miss the daily competition, though.

"It didn't really hit me that was going to be the hard part," he said. "I thought the hard part would be the loss."

The loss is actually a distant memory and not really a secret: The show was taped in early September and news leaked right away. Video clips of his loss appeared Monday on the Internet.

H&R Block's offer

Neither Jennings nor Zerg expects the record will be broken.

"It's not because things fell the right way," she said. "It's because he's that good."

Jennings, a Mormon, will donate 10 percent of his winnings to his church—and a European vacation is planned, "probably a really nice one."

He'll hardly slip back into anonymity. He is visiting David Letterman and Regis Philbin this week, has a book deal and is open to any commercial sponsorship opportunities.

He's in a new tax bracket now, and H&R Block is making sure he'll always remember the company for other reasons: It has offered him free tax preparation for life.

Ai Ai, Eric, other Backroom artists all over this December

ONE of the last quarter's biggest musical event happened last Saturday when comedy concert queen Ai Ai de las Alas shared the vast Araneta Coliseum stage with pop prince Erik Santos in the concert "The Prince of Pop and the Comedy Concert Queen: Two Solos, One Concert."

Ai Ai is a guest in Piolo Pascual's concert in Los Angeles and Chicago. She continues to be in demand as a performer in corporate shows, even as she hosts the "MTB" and stars in "Tanging Ina," both on ABS-CBN.

Erik is on "ASAP" every Sunday, also on ABS-CBN. He flew to Dubai to perform in a concert for the Filipino community in Dubai today.

Erik will be back in time for a guest appearance on Lea Salonga's "Home for the Holidays" concert, also at the Araneta.

Another Backroom Inc. star, Ariel Rivera, is reunited with ex-girlfriend Regine Velasquez on the GMA-7 teleserye, "Forever in My Heart," which also stars Richard Gomez.

Ariel and Regine are together again in a concert at the Araneta on Dec. 3 and 4.

Calvin Millado is busy hosting

corporate shows. He soon opens his fast-food outlet in Quezon City.

Actors as singers

The Company is promoting their latest album, "Mahal Kong Radyo," from Viva Records. The group is also performing in Leah's Dec. 8 show at the Araneta.

The Tux is featured in another show at Eastwood City on Dec. 11.

K and the Boxers maintain their *puwestos* or regular gigs at the Soundstage on Tuesdays, Ratsky Malate on Thursdays and

Ratsky Tomas Morato on Fridays. Kakai Brosas, the K of the group, is a mainstay on "Idol Ko Si Kap" on GMA-7.

Actor Raymond Bagatsing is busy rehearsing with his newly formed band, the Bandidos.

Raymond is host of "Nginiiig," a reality thriller on ABS-CBN.

Drew Arellano is working on the movie "Bulong: Spirit of the Glass," directed by Joey Reyes and also starring Rica Peralejo and Paolo Contis. Drew is also one of the hosts of "Unang Hirit" and "Wazzup, Wazzup," both on Studio 23.

Amy Perez hosts the controversial reality show "Deretsahan" on ABC 5

and "Wow Philippines" on PTV 4. Amy takes on a dramatic role in the teleserye "Leya" on GMA-7.

Dominic Ochoa is a host of "EK Channel" on ABS-CBN and is also busy with guest appearances in TV dramas.

Hosts, models

Bianca Gonzalez joins Ryan Agoncillo and Karen Davila in "Y Speak" on ABS-CBN. The image model of Eve, a new clothing line by Pink Soda, Bianca also hosts "Review Night," "Wazzup Wazzup" and "MTV U Break."

Ayen Munji is promoting her new album, "Thankful," distributed by BMG Records. She is

one of the featured singers in a Christmas concert with the Manila Symphony Orchestra at the Eastwood on Dec. 4.

Marielle Rodriguez has just finished shooting "Rouge," a detective thriller-drama which will be shown on MTV. She also co-hosts "Extra Challenge" and is in the cast of "Love to Love," both on GMA-7.

Chase Tinio has hinds full as a ramp model and host of corporate functions. He is a regular on the show "MTV U Break."

Dawn Zulueta, still one of the most beautiful faces in Philippine cinema, is on "Forever in My Heart," with Ariel, Regine and

Richard.

Ima Castro, former lead star of "Miss Saigon," is back and often performs in corporate shows. Last Nov. 27, she was a guest in the concert "Three Tenors" featuring Bayani Fernando, Joey Lina and Angelo Reyes at the St. Mary's Magdalene Church in Cavite.

Kim Flores was one of the young sopranos featured in Ai Ai and Erik's Araneta concert last Saturday. Kim was also a guest during the recent launch of E-real Records at Party Central in Quezon City.

For inquiries about Backroom talents, call 928-3121 or 435-1108 to 20.



AI AI



ERIC



DOMINIC



BIANCA



MARIEL